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Faculty approves new schedule grid

Classes to be 90 minutes long, new class times later in the day, fewer class blocks will be available

By CHRISTINE HOPKINS
Staff Writer

CHASE HALL LOUNGE - The "ayes" shouted loudest in the Faculty's vote on adopting a revised "maxi-flex" schedule grid. On Monday April fifth, after defeating two subsidiary amendments to the revised schedule of classes, the faculty accepted to institute the new grid, which shall go into effect in the academic year 2000-2001. At last month's meeting, the faculty rejected the Ad Hoc Committee on the Calendar's proposed changes to the calendar year.

The new grid passed after a brief debate and a defense of the new grid by Professor John Strong, who represented the Faculty Ad Hoc Committee on the Calendar. Strong reviewed the changes that had been made to the originally proposed maxi-flex grid, which had been criticized by the Foreign Language Department and certain Biology professors.

Strong explained that extra sessions times on Tuesday/Thursdays would rearrange discussion slots which as of now eliminate certain timeslot classes from students' schedules. He explained that the 4:10pm to 5pm discussion slot could only be used as an extra discussion session so as not to prevent athletes from taking courses with discussions.

The main goal of the new schedule was presented as bringing some order to the currently chaotic schedule, especially with two-

hour classes in certain departments.

"Theater and art classes at present don't have any place in the grid to be scheduled, so they end up taking up two class slots," explained Strong.

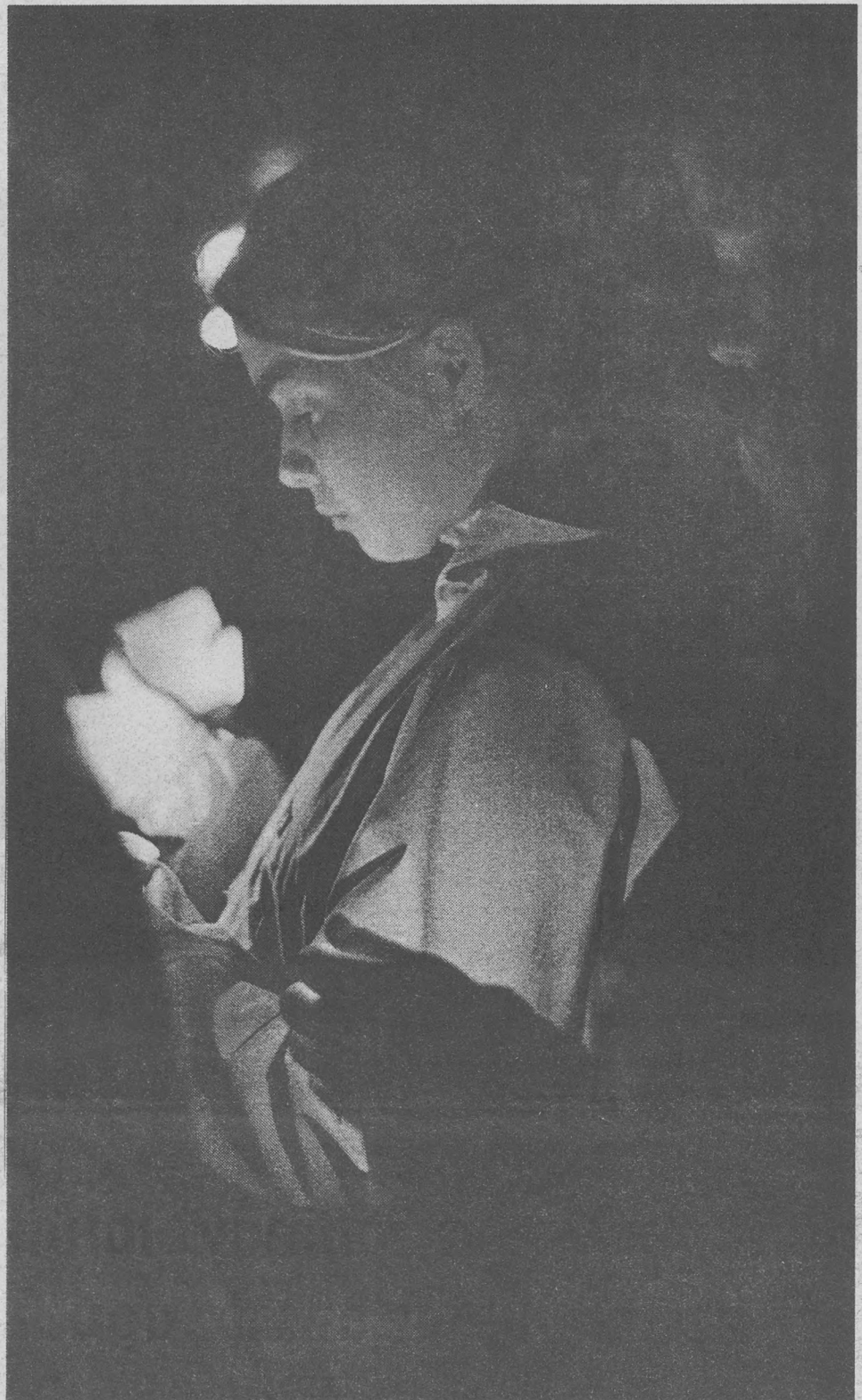
The faculty then discussed concerns with the bill. Most comments focused on the way in which time slots would have to be fulfilled proportionally throughout the college by all departments. Currently, each department is supposed to choose time slots throughout the schedule. However, under the revised plan the schedule would not have to look proportional within departments, as long as there was a rough balance throughout the college as to when classes were offered.

Other comments included questioning whether innovative teaching required more time in the classroom, and whether the new schedule would actually provide more opportunities to students or less. After generalized debate, the faculty focused on two minor amendments to the bill.

One amendment was to remove the power of the Curriculum and Calendar Committee to adjust the schedules of departments that do not use a balanced spread of the time slots available.

The other removed Tuesday and

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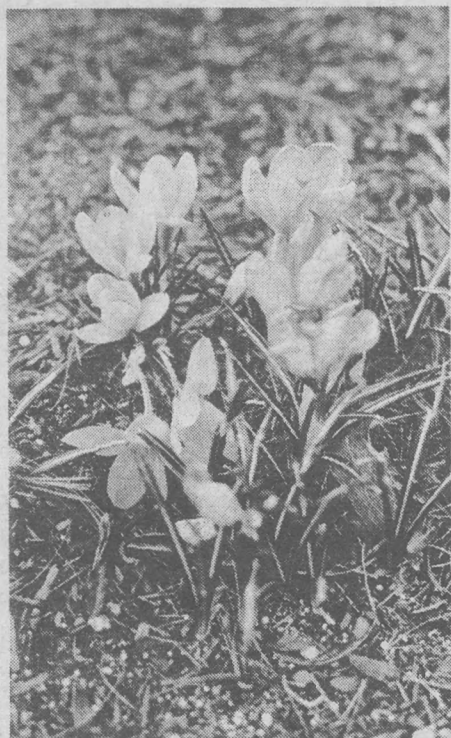
Participants at Monday's candlelight vigil lit candles in memory of domestic violence victims.

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April flowers.

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Students gather, pledge to fight domestic violence

By MATTHEW EPSTEIN
News Editor

LADD LIBRARY TERRACE - Bates students gathered here Monday night for a candlelight vigil to remember victims of domestic violence, and pledge to fight against it in the future.

Assembling specifically to honor the memory of Katherine Poor, who was killed in Kenduskeag, ME, in February, the gathering heard several speakers, including domestic violence survivor Mary Wang, who was stabbed by her estranged husband in Auburn in 1997.

"I didn't even leave the house because I was so afraid that I wouldn't get home in time for him to come home, and there literally would be hell to pay," she said. "There were many times in my relationship that I wanted to die, I did not want to live another day facing the possibility that he was gonna get mad and flip the kitchen table...Many times during our relationship I thought I was safe from him doing harm to me because he

had never hit me."

Later, however, he became more abusive and threatening, "I had time enough to call 911, tell them my name, where I lived and to tell my kids that I loved them and that I was going to die. I could have very easily been a statue standing here as a silent witness" she recounted about the night that her husband stabbed her.

"I hear a lot of times, the news and the media saying: a man out of control. There's no out of control about it, they are very much in control of what they are doing, and the ultimate control is taking someone's life."

"Battery is the single major cause of injury to women," said Walon Linscott, the assistant coordinator of the Maine Silent Witness Project.

The participants gathered in a candlelit circle to hear the speakers. Around the

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New massacres feared at Yugoslavian-Albanian border NATO widens assault on Serbs

After three weeks of bombing in Kosovo, American involvement seems to be expanding amid reports that Serbian violence against ethnic Albanians continues.

Wednesday night the line of Kosovar refugees attempting to cross into Albania disappeared on the Yugoslavian side of a border crossing. The refugees were apparently forced to move elsewhere by Serb troops. NATO is concerned because nobody knows what happened to the Kosovars, or where they are now.

There is fear that they may be used as human shields for Serb forces as NATO attacks a broader range of targets.

Other troubling events included the burning of 50 Kosovar villages by Serb troops since the weekend.

This week, the United States agreed to send 24 Apache attack helicopters and 2,000 troops with long range rocket artillery to be used attacking Serb ground formations where NATO air attacks have had limited success.

The helicopters are expected to be able to root out Serbian tanks and other armored vehicles, with their ability to attack from low altitudes, and behind the crests of hills.

The rocket artillery, which has a range of about 100 miles, will be used to attack Serb positions from Albania. Both it, and the helicopters are expected to go into operation in the coming weeks.

However, in the past two days, NATO reported new success in those air attacks as well. British Harrier jets apparently destroyed part of a Serbian armored column Wednesday, the first real success that the allies have had in attacking ground troops, which are usually heavily dug in, and difficult to spot from the air.

In addition, the allies have recently destroyed several bridges over the Danube River, stopping trade along that busy waterway between the Black Sea and western Europe.

There are now more than 600 allied warplanes around the Balkans, with this week's addition of the U.S. aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt, and its 75 airplanes.

There is possible good news for the three captured American soldiers being held by Yugoslavia.

The Acting President, of Cyprus, Spyros Kyprianou, who has close ties with Yugoslavia's government, travelled to Belgrade Thursday hopefully to return with the American men.

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic originally announced his intention to put the soldiers in front of a military trial. Later he relented, and agreed to treat them as prisoners of war, in accordance with American demands.

This may be a sign that Milosevic is looking for a settlement to the three week old conflict, though NATO officials were doubtful about that. Earlier in the week, Milosevic offered a cease-fire for Greek Orthodox Easter, which is this weekend, but it was rejected by the allies as not being in good faith, and accomplishing nothing.

Hey, it melted!



A springtime view of Lake Andrews

Erin Mullin photo

Students accuse Bates of being a racist institution

By MATTHEW EPSTIEN
News Editor

CHASE HALL LOUNGE - "We don't think many people would call themselves racists, [so] we see that there is a problem with racism, but there aren't any racists," began Courtney DeGeorge, to start an open forum looking into whether or not Bates is a racist place on Wednesday afternoon.

DeGeorge and her three classmates in Education 242, Katie Driscoll, Amanda Petteruti and Jamie Berrian posted signs and an announce email stating "Do you think Bates is racist? We do...come hear why and share your own views."

"We looked at admissions policies at schools, particularly at Bates," explained Driscoll.

"[We noticed that] they were having trouble getting more than 10 percent students of color," she continued.

They presented the forum as an action project, required as a part of the course where students tried to give what they learned in class a wider audience.

The four women feel that while Bates is not filled with overt racists, the college, which is last in the New England Small College Athletic Conference in terms of numbers of students of color enrolled, is not doing an adequate job catering to minority students.

"We don't think that it makes Bates an evil institution," explained DeGeorge.

They acknowledged that part of the problem is the cost and type of school that Bates is, and its location in

Maine, one of the whitest states in the union.

However, this is a problem shared by most NESCAC schools, and Bowdoin, Colby and Middlebury, which deal with the exact same issues (Vermont is even whiter than Maine), have nearly twice the percentages of students of color, as Berrian explained.

One of the biggest problems cited was retention of minority students. "Out of the 46 students of color who enrolled last fall, at least 10 are leaving," said Carmita McCoy, Associate Dean of Admissions.

Petteruti pointed out that the college "misrepresents" itself, in her words, because it portrays a far more diverse environment to prospective students than actually exists on campus.

Though only seven percent of students at Bates are of color, 24 percent of those in the viewbook, and 40 percent of those appearing in the college's recruiting video are in a minority group.

Students at Bates, white and non-white, stated that they are uncomfortable with the racial environment in a survey that the four women conducted, yet few saw a problem here.

"We were surprised that people said they were uncomfortable, but that there was not a problem," said Driscoll about the results of the survey.

In all, the women felt that this discussion was only a step in solving a problem that will take a long time to solve at Bates, in the words of Driscoll: "We'd like to open this dialogue, for it hopefully to be a continuing dialogue into next year."

Quote of the week:

"They can't prove that I stole those fucking newspapers."

- Christopher Kuppens, '99, as observed by a *Student* staffer.

Corrections

A van pictured in the April 2 issue belongs to the owner of the Grateful Earth.

An article on Men's Lacrosse in the same issue contained an enlarged quote that should have been attributed to Men's Lacrosse Coach Al Brown.

A photo and quote in that issue's Question on the Quad should have been attributed to Nick Berliner.

Newspapers stolen at UVA, fraternity suspected

**"Joke" threatens freedom
of speech, financial
security of newspaper**

By LINDSAY WISE
Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. - University Police now are investigating the theft Friday morning of about 5,000 copies of The Cavalier Daily from distribution locations throughout Central Grounds.

Mike Axel, Beta Theta Pi fraternity president, admitted Sunday that members of his fraternity pilfered about 400-500 Cavalier Daily newspapers Friday "as a joke."

In Friday's paper, a front page story reported that five Beta Theta Pi pledges were convicted Thursday of a misdemeanor for cutting down a 35-foot, \$1,700 tree outside Trinity Presbyterian Church last December. About half of the newspaper's daily 10,000 circulation disappeared early Friday.

Second-year College student Laura Burkholder said she saw two young men carrying stacks of papers away to the parking lot behind Bryant Hall at around 8 a.m. Friday morning.

"I remember seeing them carrying huge stacks of newspapers and I remember thinking they don't look like people who would be delivering papers and that it was a little late for that," Burkholder said. "They looked like students."

Upon realizing that several thousand copies of the paper were missing, the newspaper held an emergency Managing Board meeting to decide what course of action to take, Michael Greenwald, Cavalier Daily editor-in-chief said. Greenwald said he contacted William W. Harmon, Vice President for Student Affairs, who advised him to call police. Although the first copy of The Cavalier Daily is free, each additional copy costs 25 cents. Five thousand copies cost \$1,249.75, but could be worth even more.

But Axel said the number of papers

taken by Beta members was far fewer than 5,000-and that the prank was not meant to be an attack on the newspaper or administration.

"We definitely did not take anywhere near the amount Mike [Greenwald] was throwing at me," he said. "But I told Mike we

would be more than willing write a check for the papers that we have."

Asst. Dean of Students Aaron Laushway reacted with incredulity.

"How absolutely bizarre," Laushway said. "I'm just befuddled."

He said the fraternity and its members

could face punishment through the Inter-Fraternity Council Judiciary Committee or the University Judiciary Committee.

"This is inappropriate behavior and it is criminal behavior and it needs to be addressed," he added.

Honor Committee Chairman Hunter Furguson said the offense could fall under the Committee's jurisdiction.

Greenwald declined to comment about whether any charges will be pressed by the newspaper.

"If somebody doesn't like a story that's printed in The CD, there are many other and legal options to express their opinions," he said.

Vigil

circle were 6 red "silent witnesses" - statues symbolizing women killed by their partners in 1995. Since then, 27 more women have been killed in Maine.

The organizers of the event stressed that "Domestic violence doesn't start with murder, it doesn't start with a hit or a slap." In the words of one woman at the event, "Language is a form of abuse."

As Wang explained, "He used to tell me that I couldn't speak...He would tell me to be quiet in front of his friends and family...There were many times that all he needed was the evil eye to shut me up, and that's what he wanted."

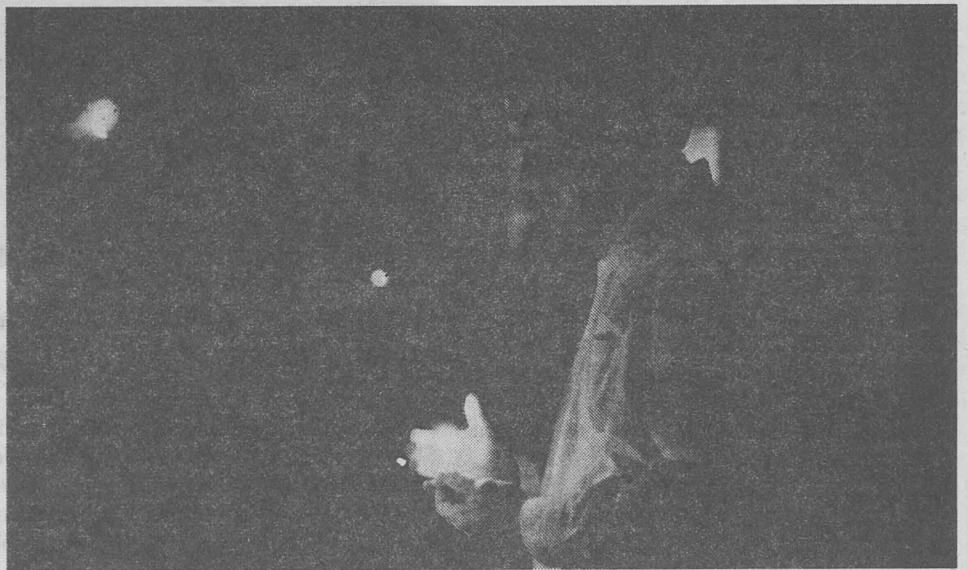
Getting men to treat the women in their lives right was the message of the event, which concluded with a pledge by the men present stating: "We pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about men's violence against women. We will respect, listen to, seek equality with and share power with the women in our lives."

"Men must take the initiative to stop domestic violence," one participant read while a chime rang every 15 seconds to signify the fact that a woman is battered that frequently in America.

"It's everyone's responsibility to make this a safe campus," added another

Women who are being battered can call 1-800-559-AWAP for help.

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Monday night's vigil at the Ladd Terrace

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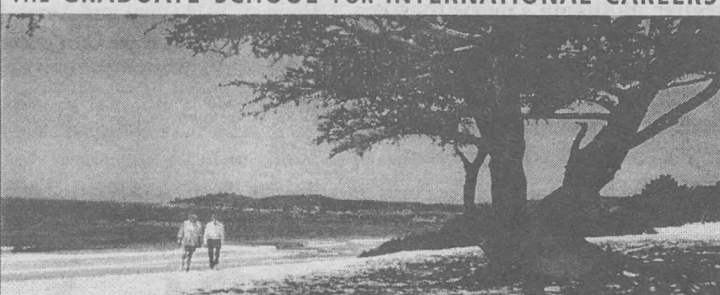
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Schedule

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Thursday night classes from the schedule altogether. Both amendments failed.

As of the year 2000, the revisions to the calendar will effectively reduce the number of overall non-overlapping time slots from thirteen to eleven. However, the creators of the new grid have confidence that the increased flexibility and decreased conflict of classes within the new schedule shall not reduce the opportunities for Bates students to take classes.

The basic changes to the calendar include the addition of a tenminute buffer time in between most classes, more eighty minute blocks, the addition of a Tuesday/Thursday night class, and the creation of an allcampus time on Tuesdays from noon to one o'clock.

Monday-Wednesday-Friday time slots shall offer three eightyminute classes, two 55 minute classes, and a three hour lab or seminar. Tuesday-Thursday time slots shall offer five eighty minute classes, one 55 minute extra session time, one fifty minute extra discussion section, and three larger time slots varying between two to three hours at professors' discretion.

The new schedule aims to increase the number of two hour time slots available to art and theater classes, and to create new flexibility with 8am time slots by allowing professors to hold classes only twice a week or by allowing professors to start class at 8:25am three times a week.

The grid changes shall not affect the yearly calendar or short-term.

The Faculty Ad Hoc Committee on the Calendar composed of Dean



President Harward and members of the faculty in conference at a faculty meeting in March

Matthew Epstein photo

Carignan, Dean Reese, Professor John Strong, Registrar Meredith Braz, Professor Elizabeth Tobin, Megan Casey '99, and Randy DePaolo '99 has been working since the spring of 1996 to formulate the new calendar legislation.

At Bates this week: Julian Bond speaks at Convocation

By JOANNA STANDLEY
Copy Editor

ALUMNI GYM - The annual Founders Day Convocation was held Wednesday, April 7 at noon in Alumni Gym to commemorate the 144th anniversary of the founding of Bates College in 1855. All classes and activities were suspended for the hour so that all members of the college community could take part in the occasion. A luncheon reception was held in the Gray Cage immediately following convocation.

The Convocation speaker was Julian Bond, who delivered an address to the Bates community about social justice. Bond was also the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree for his extensive work in the civil rights, justice and peace movements.

Bond is currently chair of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the largest and oldest civil rights organization in the country. He is also a Distinguished Scholar in Residence at American University in Washington, D.C., and professor of history at the University of Virginia.

A graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Bond was a founder of the Committee on Appeal for Human Rights while just a student. The Committee is a student civil-rights organization whose nonviolent anti-segregation protests were instrumental in the integration of Atlanta's movie theaters, lunch counters and parks.

In 1968, Bond became the first African American to be nominated for vice-president of the United States by a major political party. Bond also served in the Georgia House of Representatives.

RA election amendment fails

By MATTHEW EPSTEIN
News Editor

SKELTON LOUNGE - The proposal to give all students a vote in Representative Assembly Presidential and Vice-Presidential elections failed Monday.

"I was a little bit surprised, because I think this year has been really progressive," said Representative Ewen Wolf, who offered the amendment, along with Rep. Kate DeMellier.

"I think the bill failed on the basis of a members' opinion, not on the basis of a well considered decision by the body," he continued.

"[Though I was] disappointed, I understand the apprehension [of many members]."

Several members spoke out forcefully against the bill. Rep. Matthew Velluto said that though he supported the principle, "I don't think the RA is ready for this...If people don't care about electing representatives from their dorms, what makes you think they're going to care about electing a President and Vice-President?"

Rep. Rebecca Dodd added: "The campus does not know the chemistry in this room."

Wolf said that he may try to re-introduce the bill next year, depending on the support it has in the body.

The RA approved a bill proposed by Reps. J. Tate Curti and Amanda B. Smith to create a Grievance Committee that would hear student complaints against faculty members.

The RA's action is only an endorsement, to have any effect, the bill must be passed by the faculty.

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Animal Liberation Front rescues 116

Activist group breaks into labs, destroys research on Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases

By SARAH McKENZIE
Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. - An international animal rights activist group known as the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility Monday night for the vandalism of 12 research labs via an e-mail message sent to their group's press office in Minneapolis.

A University of Minnesota student who serves as the spokesman for the organization said members took 116 animals from

charges may be brought forth pursuant to a federal statute on animal terrorism passed in 1992.

University officials said Monday the vandalism will seriously threaten research for cancer, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. According to a report broadcast Tuesday night, University officials estimate the damages to exceed \$3.5 million.

The Animal Liberation Front press office serves as the mouthpiece of the organization to promote the actions of members, Kjonaas said. But he did not know who com-

connected monkeys and other animals to electrodes in order to study neurological behavior, Kjonaas said. He said the treatment is unwarranted and cruel.

The vandals did not take the monkeys because homes could not be found for them on short notice, he said.

Sharad Shanbhag, a graduate student studying brain activity, said many people do not understand the technology used in the research, despite claims about the animal maltreatment.

The electrodes used on the monkeys are also used on humans for Parkinson's disease research.

"They are very safe," Shanbhag said. "I think they like to say (the electrodes are cruel) for shock value."

■ History of ALF raids

The U.S. Justice Department refers to the Animal Liberation Front as a "loose configuration of small, autonomous 'cells,' with no centralized command structure," according to wire reports.

Members have claimed responsibility for numerous firebombings, raids at research labs and releasing of animals used for medical or commercial purposes around the world.

The first raid ALF took credit for in the United States happened at New York University Medical Center in 1979, when activists set loose five lab animals used for research.

In November 1996, the organization firebombed an Alaskan Fur warehouse in Bloomington, Minn., causing more than \$2 million in damages.

Last summer, the group opened pens at a fur farm near Rochester, Minn., freeing more than 2,500 minks. According to wire reports, many of the animals were either caught by neighbors or hit by cars.

■ Campus activists react

Freeman Wicklund, executive director of the Animal Liberation League and founder

of the University's SOAR organization, said he does not agree with the liberation front's actions.

"It closes a lot of doors," Wicklund said. "Hopefully people realize the actions on Monday only represent a small fraction of the animal rights community."

His organization, often mistaken for ALF, has more than 1,000 members across the country. Wicklund said members of his organization practice Gandhian non-violence protesting methods.

Wicklund started SOAR in 1992 and received a degree in nutrition from the University in 1997.

As an undergraduate, Wicklund fought against the use of dogs in medical research. He also protested University scientists conducting experiments on primates.

Celeste Stover, a biology major, has belonged to SOAR for more than a year. She said activists sometimes resort to extreme actions like Monday's burglaries to be taken seriously.

"In general, SOAR is open to all forms of animal liberation," Stover said. "I am in support of (the vandalism), because not all methods work."

Without sensational protests, Stover said individuals concerned about animal rights are not taken seriously. She said she supports the economic sabotage because it seriously hampers the researchers' efforts.

"The following animals will never be harmed again at the hands of vivisectors: 27 pigeons, 48 mice, 36 rats and 5 salamanders."

Animal Liberation Front statement

labs in Elliott Hall and the Lions Research Building and brought them to private homes and sanctuaries. He said he did not know the locations of the homes.

Kevin Kjonaas, a political science senior, said he works at the non-profit organization along with three other volunteers at a Minneapolis office. He also belongs to the Student Organization for Animal Rights (SOAR), an on-campus group.

He said the office received an anonymous e-mail message Monday that read: "The following animals will never be harmed again at the hands of vivisectors: 27 pigeons, 48 mice, 36 rats and 5 salamanders."

The University Police, the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the FBI are investigating the burglaries that occurred sometime around 5 a.m. Monday.

University Police Chief Joy Rikala said investigators are following a number of leads but no arrests were pending as of Tuesday.

If the vandals are found, federal

mitted the vandalism, because of the anonymous nature of all ALF raids.

Kjonaas, who denies any involvement in the burglaries, said ALF has been active for 25 years. There are no local chapters, but the organization has press offices in Minneapolis, Great Britain and Norway.

Although Kjonaas attends the University, he said he is pleased that the organization targeted research labs on this campus and sent such a strong message through economic destruction.

"I'm extremely elated that this happened," he said, noting his tax dollars have contributed to what he called inhumane research carried out on animals at the University.

In addition to damaging computers, microscopes and other equipment in the lab, the group's members said they took researchers' videos and pictures of experiments conducted on the animals.

Group members claim researchers

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Rape occurs; if it takes a different message to get that fact out, so be it

By SARAH KATE REDDING
Staff Writer

I write in response to the Editor-In-Chief's commentary on the fliers I posted and as a further articulation on points that I thought I made fairly obvious, however now see they may have been ambiguous... but how much can one say in a flier that she would like to actually be read?

To start with, a rape was reported to Security and was mailed to every single person at this college on March 10, 1999. It is not under the category 'Rape', but 'Sex Offenses, forcible or non-forcible' which is where rape, when it is reported, is listed. I was curious what a 'non-forcible sex offense' might be, so I called Security to find out. The security officer told me, that as women, you and I both know it's just a bunch of legal jargon... A rape is a rape, is a rape." My point is that since this is rape's category, we should probably look out for it.

However, even if it did just say "rape" = 1, in this bi-weekly report, the point is no one really reads the security reports anyway. Which is exactly my statement: 3 weeks after the incident, few people knew, and in part because society is only encouraged to deal with it through means which automatically 'sweep it under the rug' whether they realize it or not. It was there for all of us to see and comment on the overall posted fact that rape has occurred again in our supposed ivory tower of safety, but it didn't happen. Since the fact that it did occur was public knowledge, Administration felt that their duty in making us feel safe and dealing with the social consequences of its public knowledge was done. It is not.

My flier said: "I want to know why there was a rape on campus in the past 3 weeks, and no one knows about it! I want to know why you are still here and I am forced to question perfectly innocent men who are conscious of their social actions because I

don't know who you are. Whomever you are, it is your fault that I and other women have to be scared of the guys we are alone with and why men have to wonder if it was their best friend. Administration knew about you from two previous complaints and then you did this - way to go assholes..." This is in no way shape or form demanding or revealing any personal details. This is my opinion and commentary on the fact that a rape occurred, which should have been known by everyone if anyone read their Security Reports.

I am not trying to invalidate the Editor-In-Chief's point at all: that to violate privacy is harmful to a survivor. In fact, this

cially when people who may need to be extra cautious aren't because, as we know from the past, this could happen again by the same man.

The fact that a rape occurred and someone who I do not know is entering my thoughts, has violated my peace of mind, and has forced me to have such a 'sick feeling' in my stomach, ticks me off and is my social problem too. The fact that I may be at risk or in danger scares me more.

I am not trying to delegitimize the survivor's feeling of isolation or alienation, if she so feels. However, it is society's dealing with rape that is at fault and more spe-

Rape is about the rapist and the society in which we live. I wanted to express my feelings of anger to the perpetrator specifically and knew that there would be one among us, who will know the fliers are speaking directly to him. Just because we may not have had contact does not in any way mean that he is not a threat to me and the security of others. Should we have to wait to make social commentaries, perpetuate how our society deals with them, until it directly involves us? I wanted this person to know just a small piece of my mind: just because legalities and 'proper edict' may tacitly tolerate this, I will not.

Ideally, yes, I like others, could join a Sexual Assault Force and organizations of the like. In all honesty, I do not have the time or means currently to join such a task force. Does this mean that I should keep my opinion to myself unless I can express them in only an 'appropriate' manner? I do not believe this was the Editor-In-Chief's point, but the implications that this 'suggestion' has, tells me that if you do not or can not express your opinion in such a designated bureaucratic manner, then it is not valid or constructive.

This is an overall problem in our society and a reason why people do not feel more socially responsible - because we are only encouraged to take part in activism through means that really may not be viable for us. My points were to express my resentment to the rapist, warn students, and raise some eyebrows- which was accomplished. I'm glad most know now. Maybe we have that 'sick feeling' in our stomach that we could be sitting next to a rapist, but if it wards off a future 'sick feeling' than to me, it's worth it.

Rumors must be taken with a grain of salt. Yet, at the same time, if rumors, that to me, do not seem like far fetched warnings at all, act as the only informant on my

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My points were to express my resentment to the rapist, warn students, and raise some eyebrows- which was accomplished... Maybe we have that 'sick feeling' in our stomach that we could be sitting next to a rapist, but if it wards off a future 'sick feeling' than to me, it's worth it.

is a point I, too, did take into consideration and decided that I was not delving into any personal information nor demanding any. As an individual who has experienced sexual assault and sexual harassment, I understood, when writing this flier, that each woman and man will deal with these situations differently and this would be a touchy subject. Although the article said so, this flier was not speaking on behalf of anyone, except myself. With the authority of my own citizenship to be able to express my opinion, I spoke. The fact that a rape occurred and people whose own safety could be at stake and were not aware of it pissed me off. Espe-

cifically, the man's fault that she is forced to feel this way. We are all part of this society that perpetuates dealing with rape only through isolated incidents, as if they do not have larger social ramifications. If we only focus our attention on the victim, we are participating in making this victim feeling isolated and we fail to see rape as non-isolated violation to us all. Of course her involvement now is more direct. However, it does not only affect her but does affect each and every one of us.

The fact that a rape has occurred is not a focus on the victim because rape is not about, nor says anything about the victim.

BATES RATES

Yahtzee anonymous



Still celebrating their victory over "Sumo-dunk" for I-M wallyball chapionship of the world (or at least Bates), team members making sure the couches at the Greenhouse don't get lonely.

I wonder where all the papers went....



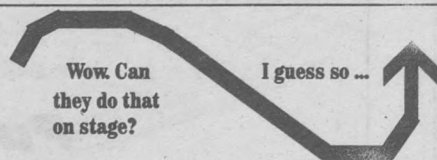
In a bid to crush negative stereotype reinforced by Student editorial, certain unnamed parties steal 700 newspapers from Chase to avoid circulation, thus reinforcing negative stereotype.

April 15th



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Editorial

Taken out of context, and then out of chase altogether

One of last week's editorials (One more reason to hate Bates; April 2) described an incident between a Longley Elementary School student and a Bates student in commons. The editorial, while correctly reporting the statements exchanged between the boy and the student, presented the information in a manner not indicative of the situation.

According to the students involved, as well as the boy's mentor, the comments were made while acting-out professional wrestling scenarios. Moreover, no mention of the boy's weight was made during the exchange. The Bates Student apologizes for any confusion resulting from this error.

It is important to remind the readership, however, that there is a clear distinction between editorials and op-eds (Forum section) and regular articles (News section). As is explained in the masthead (see below), the views expressed in the editorials are those of this editorial board. Conversely, an op-ed (opinion piece with a byline) expresses solely the opinion of the author.

Criticism of the editorial has included statements that the piece was not balanced, as information was not solicited from members of the football team regarding the event. While such research is required of a news piece, this is not the case for editorials. As the Student went to press, we had independent verification of the event in question and found the account of the exchange so compelling that we decided to present our opinion of the matter.

Providing our opinion of campus events is one of our many commitments as stewards of the Student, and is not something we take lightly. This is not to say that we will always be right - far from it.

In addition, errors do not constitute a reason for theft of the newspapers. Sadly, some of the students who believed themselves to be slighted by the aforementioned editorial took it upon themselves to do just this. Acting so as to prevent what they believed to be a negative stereotype of their athletic team, the students in question ostensibly furthered it. Even more pathetic is that the selfish actions of these students served to deny readers of The Student the opportunity to gain information regarding far more important matters taking place on this campus.

Yet we cannot, and shall not, allow errors to prevent us from presenting compelling, and often controversial, commentary on the affairs of the Bates community. To do so would invalidate the purpose of a newspaper altogether.

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Social justice kept low key

To the Editor;

My name is Sachi Feris and I have a concern which I thought was important to share with the Bates Campus to heighten awareness and raise consciousness about the issue of social involvement in Lewiston schools by Bates students.

I am writing a year long thesis entitled "Education for Social Justice: a Multicultural Approach to Fighting Inequality." As part of my thesis I designed and implemented an education program for fifth and sixth grade students from Pettingill, McMahon, Montello and Longley schools that dealt with themes of gender inequality, classism, homophobia and taking action for social justice. In line with the idea of taking social action, I attempted to organize some publicity for my thesis program in order to inform the community around the above educational themes. This attempt was the catalyst for the dilemma I, presently, share. Discussion ensued between the Lewiston School Superintendent's Office, Bates College Relations and the Office of Service Learning regarding the possibility of a press release on Education for Social Justice. The fear of backlash from the community in response to the issue of homophobia was addressed and this gear triggered the present state of af-

fairs in which there has been no publicity on "Education for Social Justice."

My initial reaction to this situation is that is greatly upsets and frustrates me and that by agreeing to it, I am accepting a setback to the very essence of the goals of "Education for Social Justice": to educate around issues of social justice, to encourage social action regarding issues of social inequality and to challenge interpersonal and institutional discrimination.

However, I determined that it was my responsibility to act in a way that would best promote those goals. I realized that risking the positive relationship Bates has formed with the Lewiston schools would, in fact, be an even larger setback to the future work of Bates students in promoting these themes. I write this letter to inform the Bates community about the reality of the barriers one confronts when working with these issues. The reality of these barriers intensifies the importance of "Education for Social Justice" related topics. I decided to opt against formal publicity with the hope that this decision will encourage Bates students to continue the commitment to social action and social justice at Bates, in the Lewiston community and in the world at large.

Sachi Feris '99

Letters to the Editor

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Lecturer defends her advocacy

Survivor, in need of support, reaches out for help down a different path

To the Editor:

I understand that there has been some concern about the quality and motivation of my advocacy recent rape survivor on campus, and I would like to address that concern. The survivor, who knew me and knew my work with survivors, contacted me and asked me to be her advocate.

Three weeks after having reported the rape to the Dean of Students, she was still waiting to hear back from the Dean. Three weeks after the rape, the student had still not received any medical care or any counseling about the rape. She had not told her parents. She told me that she had been unable to sleep at night for three weeks, and that she could only sleep between classes during the day. The rapist was still attempting to initiate contact with her. The day that

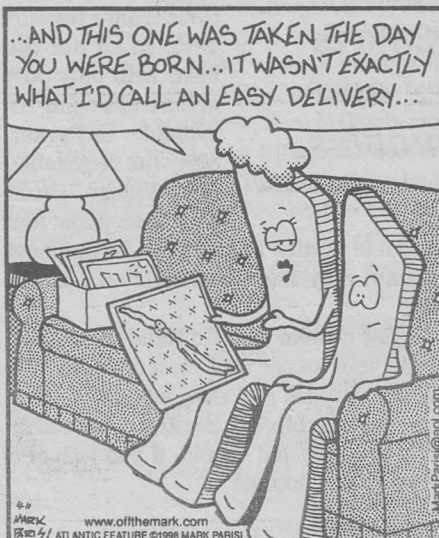
I met her, at her request, for lunch, she sent me an email in which she suggested that death might be her best choice.

I have acted on her behalf with her knowledge and her support. The student is very interested in seeing student activism on the campus on this issue. The safety of other women is of deep concern to her, and it was one of her motivations for reporting the case to the Dean. She understands that increased activism and publicity around her case places her anonymity in jeopardy, and she considers that to be an acceptable risk, given the seriousness of the crime and her desire that no other woman should have to go through the kind of ordeal she has experienced at this college.

Carolyn Gage
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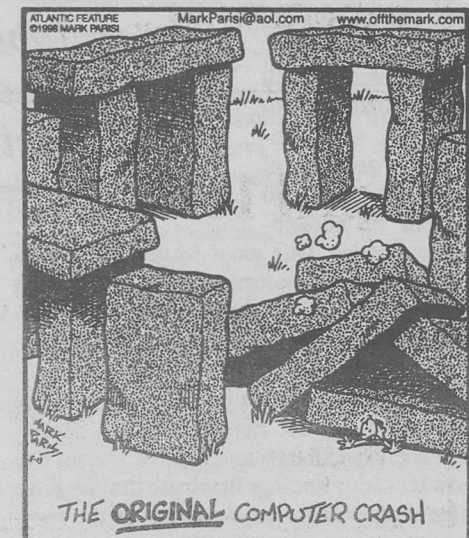
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The U.S. takes care of its own; oh really?

By BEN BAYER
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In case the reports of massive ethnic cleansing in Kosovo were not enough to turn your stomach, seeing the bruised faces of captured American servicemen on Serbian TV ought to do the trick. In response to this outrage, President Clinton issued a stern warning to the government of Yugoslavia, declaring that "The United States takes care of its own."

The brutal irony of this oft-quoted sound bite is that if the U.S. were renowned for "taking care of its own," it would not have involved its fighting men in this conflict—and staff sergeants Ramirez and Stone, and specialist Gonzales would not have been captured in the first place.

For what kind of foreign policy is the United States renowned? Quite simply: refusing to protect its own interests and people and sacrificing these same interests and people for everything else. The bombing of Yugoslavia is just the latest example of a series of foreign policy actions dedicated to the proposition that America does not care for its own.

When the U.S. sent its troops to be butchered in the streets of Mogadishu, Somalia, it was not taking care of its own.

When the U.S. attempted to "moderate" relations with Iran—a country that openly supports anti-American terrorist groups and is suspected of orchestrating the recent bombing of U.S. barracks in Saudi

Arabia—it was not taking care of its own.

When the U.S. capitulated time and time again to the Libyan government, and thus the terrorists who blew up Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, remained at large in Libya for more than a decade, it was

Orioles to play in Cuba in spite of protests by thousands of Cuban Americans, it was not taking care of its own.

When the U.S. sent a paltry few cruise missiles to blow up tents in Afghanistan as its only response to Osama bin Laden's ter-

case there is a nation left on Earth that still thinks that the U.S. takes care of its own, the Yugoslav crisis will forever erase this impression. If anything, the crisis in Yugoslavia will only make them realize that there are plenty of Americans waiting to become victims of capture and terrorism.

The voices who favor bombing Yugoslavia—and who favor sending ground troops to "finish" the job—argue that it is necessary to avert a major humanitarian crisis. Others argue that full-scale intervention is necessary to preserve the credibility of U.S. foreign policy. Observe that both of these goals—the protection of the brutalized Kosovars or the preservation of the U.S. image in the eyes of other countries—are to be achieved at the cost of American money and lives, without benefiting any proper American interest in the least.

Contrary to the arguments by those pushing for U.S. intervention, to refrain from sending our troops is not to sanction the atrocities committed by the Serbs. On the contrary, to refrain from senselessly sacrificing the best of America's men is to reassert a proper foreign policy—one dedicated to protecting the rights of American citizens. If only the American government were to make that principle its own consistent moral compass—in foreign and domestic policy—our example would stand as a beacon to a stormy world. And that is the best that we can and should ever hope to offer.

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When the U.S. continually granted trade favors to China, a brutal dictatorship threatening U.S. interests, including suspected nuclear espionage at Los Alamos, it was not taking care of its own.

When the U.S. sent troops to "keep the peace" in Haiti, but then sent the Baltimore

terrorist attacks at U.S. embassies in Africa, it was not taking care of its own.

Regardless of whether the American POWs will be released, their unnecessary and unacceptable ordeal portends a grim future for Americans around the globe. In

Our trash reveals us

A closer dive into the refuse shows Bates throwing away recyclables

By MARIA LIBBEY
Environmental Coordinator

Dumpster diving typically refers to the activity whereby one scours the contents of a dumpster for usable goods, be it food, appliances, or clothing. Three Bates students and one administrator had another purpose in mind when they went "dumpster diving" in seven dorms last week. They were actually conducting research, digging through dorm trash to try to learn more about the solid waste disposal habits of Bates students. In particular, we wanted to find out the percentage of trash in dorms that is recyclable.

It is always telling to analyze trash contents, so I will need to add a few stories. We did find some treasures: coat hooks that will find a home in Nash House, one unopened package of lined paper, and \$30 worth of returnables bottles. Our most ironic find was a folder filled with information from the North Woods Week on campus in March. We certainly would have expected that to end up in a recycling bin!

The dumpster dive took place in the following dorms: Parker, Village, Rand, Hacker, Frye, Pierce, and Frye St. Union. The results of our findings illustrate that we have plenty of room for improvement in the recycling

department. On average, 56% of dorm trash is recyclable (by weight). Of the amount that is recyclable, 28% is mixed paper, and 55% is returnables. In fact, in Hacker House, returnables accounted for almost all of the trash. This may be due to the fact out of state students don't realize that nearly every beverage container (excluding milk and drink

boxes) is worth 5 cents at any redemption center. Dorms can return their own cans and bottles, or Physical Plant will collect them in the regular recycling run. (Most of the money goes back into the Recycling Program.)

In general, the small houses fared far worse than the larger dorms. Only 22% of the trash in the houses on Frye St. was trash, 78% could have been recycled (we did recycle it after the survey). Rand did the best, with only 30% of the trash being recyclable. In Parker, 39% was recyclable, in the Village 51%. In each case, paper and

returnable bottles and cans were the most abundant recycling materials found in the trash.

The bottom line: Go Rand! Everyone, recycle your paper and remember to toss your beer bottles and cans into the returnables recycling bin. P.S. Hacker, you could be rich if you recycled be rich if you recycled your cans and bottles!

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Prioritize the message about assault (cont.)

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personal safety, than I will heed them. Rumors that I hear right now about this issue, regardless of what authorities may say, force me to question the dealing with this case and my own security. Rumors that administration, for obvious reasons, is trying to 'keep this quiet'; Rumors that the perpetrator had committed crimes previously; And rumors

that yet another woman is forced to leave Bates while the rapist is still here, do not seem unbelievable to me.

Rumor will always be here and that is a fact. Regardless of what people should know or should think, these rumors do serve as cautionary informants. Maybe the student body knows something that Administration doesn't know. Maybe, regardless of what we are told, there are people who know first hand, the truth. We never know. But until I am completely satisfied that there is a very obvious line between fiction and fact in how legal and bureaucratic details prioritize the personal security of women, rumor as a cautionary informant works for me.

Where were the faculty?

By WILL COGHLAN
Staff Writer

On Thursday morning, twenty rows of folding chairs were set up in Alumni Gym for the afternoon's convocation ceremonies. The first ten lines of chairs were cordoned off with white ribbon, and as the remaining seats and bleachers began to fill with staff, students, and members of the greater Bates community, it became clear that the reserved rows were for the still absent faculty. We were not to be kept in suspense long, for those of us already present were soon on our feet, and as an appropriately formal march was played, a rather rag-tag procession of faculty, semi-resplendent in their respective academic gowns, entered through a side door. Some had to run to catch-up, some appeared thoroughly annoyed at having to take this time out of the jam packed college professor's schedule, and others, having apparently missed the concept of queuing up before entering, simply opted to wade through the gathered crowd and join the lines wherever they met them. When the group finally reached the front of the room and took their seats, almost half of the reserved rows remained empty.

"Is that the entire faculty?" I asked a friend.

"No, it can't be. Anyway, this is optional." I knew many of my own peers had capitalized, in other ways than attendance, on this hour break in the schedule. Certainly no-one had ever ordered the faculty to attend either, but is that really the point? From the opening remarks by the President, to the

words of Dr. Julian Bond, a man whose accomplishments alone should warrant attendance, and finally the closing benediction for peace offered by the college chaplain, the afternoon's program did not disappoint. I count myself as lucky to attend a college where such things take place. What disturbed me, though, was what I saw demonstrated in deed by our faculty.

Dr. Bond, chosen by the board of trustees to receive an honorary degree, is a man whose life has been one of struggle and endurance to overcome the issues of racial injustice in this country. The founders of our institution, as noted by President Harward, stood in the face of prevailing thought and confronted many of those same issues with the birth of the college in 1855. Yesterday, however, this progressive tradition was dealt a blow, in deed, with our faculty's poor attendance.

Progressiveness is a virtue that requires commitment. It is not the easy path. Do we really want to stop racism? Do we really want to help refugees in Kosovo? At Bates, especially, the answer will be a resounding yes. But it takes more than words. It needs to take place both inside and outside the classroom. This commitment means that we gladly take an hour to honor and learn from one of the great progressive leaders of our time. It is a commitment that champions the idea of learning, in college and elsewhere, for in this higher education are the tools we need to speak for the voiceless and fight injustice in all its forms. We need our faculty leading the charge.

Bear the full force of the military in Kosovo, now

By LAWSON RUDASIL
Staff Writer

I am writing this editorial to express my opinion and frustration concerning three issues involved in the crisis in Yugoslavia. The first being the lack of support expressed by the public (and the ignorance causing it), secondly, the need for NATO to commit ground troops there as soon as possible, and lastly, the need for students at Bates (and around the country) to crawl out of their bubbles and realize just what is at stake.

Everyday I turn on CNN or the nightly news and see three things. There is usually someone from backwoods Arkansas in their golden years whining about how we should get out of this mess before it turns into another Vietnam. He or She is then followed by some "political analysis" either crying out for a stop to the operation or maintaining that everything is going according to plan. After this "analysis" (and I use the term lightly) gets done, there is an interview with a teenager or twenty-something who doesn't even know where the hell Eastern Europe is, let alone Kosovo and Serbia.

Perhaps I should be mad at the press' coverage of the situation and the people they choose to interview. However, numbers don't lie and only 53% of the United States support the conflict and eventual ground force involvement. I ask myself what the remaining percentage of the American populace could be thinking and I can't come up with an decent answer.

Slobodan Milosevic, the leader of present day Yugoslavia (composed of Serbia, Kosovo, and Montenegro), is one of the most evil and merciless political leaders of the twentieth century. Milosevic has even been

categorized by many as a "Hitler in training". Sloba (a Serb), with the aid of his forces, is murdering, burning, and tearing his way across the Yugoslav province of Kosovo. Why? Well, for the past millennium, Orthodox Christians and Muslims have been warring and killing each other over land in Eastern Europe (hmm... thought they were passive religions?). In this present situation, the Serbs in Yugoslavia (Orthodox Christians)

stroyed, and innocent human beings must be saved from a killer whom they have no means to defend against or defeat.

This brings me to my second point, the means to defeat. It is now widely accepted that Clinton and NATO both misjudged Milosevic's reaction to their threatening of a bombing campaign. They thought he would back down at the threat of missiles striking at the heart of his army and police.

This is no Vietnam, no WWII, and no Bagdad. This is Eastern Europe and anyone with half a heart and half a brain should be backing NATO. This systematic assault must be stopped, Milosevic's weapons must be destroyed, and innocent human beings must be saved from a killer whom they have no means to defend against or defeat.

compose only 10% of the population of Kosovo, while the remaining 90% are Muslim. Milosevic wants the Muslims out or dead and is risking everything to "ethnically cleanse" the area.

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He did not and the US and NATO now find themselves between a rock and a hard place. Sustained bombing campaigns can be an excellent deterrent, but when put into practice against diehard extremists, never reach their goals. In addition, you can't hit every Serb who has a machine gun pointed at some Kosovo Muslim's head with a Cruise Missile. If our mission and humanitarian duty is to be completed we must send in our ground

troops as soon as possible. Why are we so afraid to risk "American" troops' lives, to save innocent Kosovo Muslims? Please tell me we are not that ethnocentric and cold hearted!

The seemingly wide spread ignorance concerning this conflict at Bates, and indeed across the US, worries me. This is the most dangerous world-wide situation in 30 years. As I mentioned before, there are ethnic and religious problems identical to this one all over Eastern Europe. And this ethnically split conflict could wash into Turkey, Bosnia, Croatia, Romania, Macedonia, Albania, and the Czech Republic (even Greece and Italy) to name a few, splitting their countries apart. That means trouble. And with Russia (who is allied with Serbia/Milosevic) sending several war ships into the Mediterranean for "training exercises", this situation could explode into another World War. Everyone should learn about this problem, so get a hold of a newspaper or surf the web (Cable in every dorm/house would be ideal). Current events have never been more important to our generation.

In closing, let me say again, we must apply the full force of our elite military now, rather than later. Ground troops are the only answer even though not everyone likes to hear it. We must resolve this as quickly as is now possible before things get even more out of hand. The strikes are just and every American, and indeed every member of NATO countries, should be supporting the attempt to save the lives of thousands (even millions) of innocent people trapped under the regime of a cruel, Nazi-like leader. Genocide is taking place and it must be stopped before another world war and holocaust breaks out.

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On-campus housing: love it or leave it

GREGORY P. SUNDIK '99
Staff Writer

From the beginning of my Freshman Year at Bates, I can recall seldom adventures to off-campus potlucks very vividly. Being a freshman and all, these potlucks were new and mysterious to me. As a first-year living in Page Hall, off-campus potlucks offered my first opportunity for me to mix with juniors and seniors in an off-campus setting, kegparties and campus-wides aside. Through my earlier experiences visiting the off-campus students of Bates, I was able to make many friends while learning how to live a somewhat more independent and responsible life-style.

Since the new housing policy has been implemented by Keith Tannenbaum and the housing authorities of Bates, the hopes and dreams of many underclass and upper-class students who wish to experience Lewiston first-hand have been completely decimated. Bates College's oppression of students who wish to live off-campus is both ridiculous and unnecessary for several reasons. Being denied the opportunity to live off campus is a clear violation of students' personal rights as given to us through The Bill of Rights which give us the right to choose our own living environments.

As a student at liberal arts institution that preaches an all-around development of a variety of "real world" analytical and per-

sonal skills, I firmly believe that off-campus housing opportunity should be available to all students, regardless of seniority and on-campus availability of housing. For two years I have silently listened to complaints from many fellow students who both do not wish to live on the Bates campus and do not really enjoy the meal plan. Gripes about the quality of living and meal plan at Bates College trouble me for many reasons. The foremost being that I truly love this college but continue to be frustrated with the new policies I've seen emerge in the last four years.

One cannot easily digest how such a liberal and open minded college can force its students to compete for positions in a lottery which is directly geared at the best locations on campus, especially if the on-campus life is not the best location in a student's heart and soul. I enjoyed having my room vacuumed and tightened up by Bates both freshman and sophomore year, but after a summer away from home and living on my own, I learned that many of the "real world" experiences which Bates holds so highly, come very quickly when you first sign a lease, place down a four hundred dollar deposit and have five bills a month creeping their way into your mailbox.

For a College that places community building and interaction so high on its priority list, how come Bates does not allow more students to live off-campus? Does not rent to local landlords, heating companies and CMP

help to feed the Lewiston economy? Well the answer is simple. The bottom line is very quickly becoming a main priority at Bates. Whoever holds the reigns of our endowment seriously has no visible fiscal interest in strengthening community involvement and enhancement. Bates truly does have much to give back to Lewiston, after all, the city gave Oren B. Cheney the land where our quad, Parker and Hathorn are situated today.

Sure, we may well employ many local residents, but do we really give any dollars back? Of course, the answer is yes. Bates promotes many programs that encourage students to reach out and give time to Lewiston and Maine, yet the true financial stewardship is for the most part absent and the off-campus living policy clearly conveys the most obvious signs of this deficiency.

There is no decent place to live on campus. This is a line I hear from several disappointed friends. I ask "How can there be no decent place? You have someone to feed your tummy and vacuum your room. What's wrong with that?" They usually reply "I want neither." There is no response I can issue for this reply. I cannot say anything because they are stuck in the bubble regardless. Once again denied a much needed astro credit or more importantly, denied a choice in living environment. A choice which we are all allowed while not students at Bates. A choice which should be ours while students at

Bates.

The answer to the illegitimate off-campus housing policy at Bates has two decent solutions. To begin with, Bates should allow any student who wishes to live off-campus to do so. Secondly, there should be a pay-for-meal plan offered for those students who live off-campus so that they may purchase meals on their handy-dandy Bates cards. After all, isn't that why we got them in the first place?

This would most likely result in a surplus of good on-campus living opportunities while keeping the dining services' budget full with those off-campus students who forget their brown lunch bag, especially during lunch time. Switching the Den to this type of arrangement would not be a bad start either. In all cases, the handcuffs of on-campus living should be slackened so that the student can have the right to choose his or her living environment, regardless of class, situation or ability to gripe enough to the Housing Office. And when the dust settles, maybe, just maybe, students will once again be part of their own decisions as to where they would like to live, while much needed money can be pumped into Lewiston. My hopes for the on-campus/off-campus changes in policy is truly a pipe-dream because it most likely will not happen. But I urge those students who wish to live off-campus next year to keep fighting, because you will get there if you try hard enough.

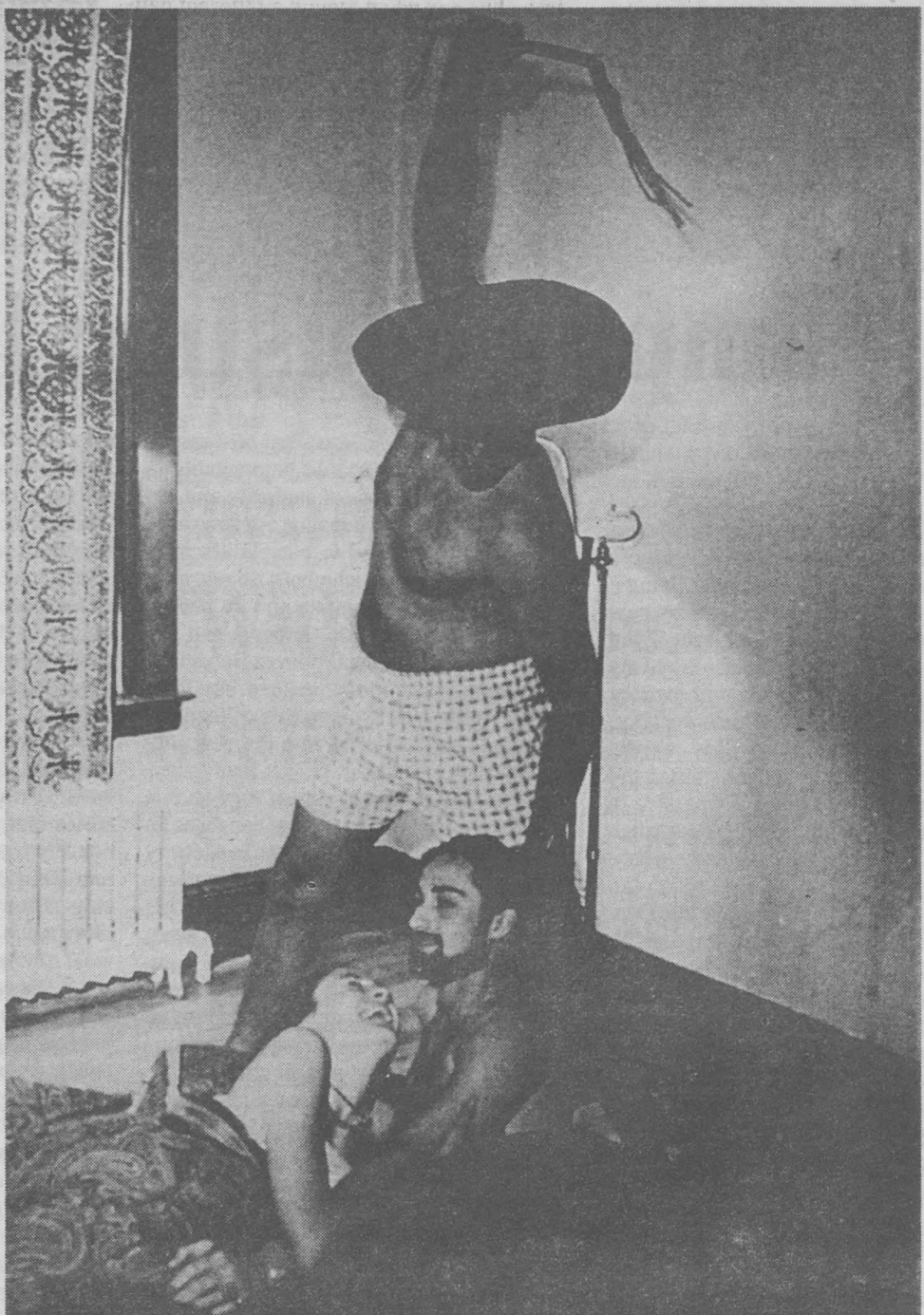
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From Play Fair to frisbee on the quad

As second semester comes to a close, international student looks back on year

By SAMEER RAJ MASKEY
Staff Writer

Yes, time flies and it did. A year slipped by before I realized that we have only a week of classes left. "What! next week is the last week of classes?" my friend said aloud with his mouth wide when I told him, taking a sip of coffee, "Yeah, yeah, next week is the last week of class." He couldn't believe it nor could I. It just seemed like yesterday when I went to the grey-cage for the first time to meet all the new first-years and play in that colorful music and light. In reality, it was not yesterday. It was seven months back in September when last traces of summer air were blowing in the quad.

Lots of things happened: made a lot of friends, learned a lot of new slang and saw a lot of changes but that is not all. I missed my home. "I miss my mom too," my friend from Pennsylvania told me in her exciting, shrilling voice when I told her that I miss my mom. I chuckled to myself, "Yes, you do and I miss my mom too especially when I haven't seen her for eight months."

"Eight months, that's a long time," everyone says looking surprised when I say that; but see it's not only me. There are many international students who haven't gone home for two years. Some people hardly believe this fact. "Two years, yes, twenty four months or seven hundred and thirty days," I have to say the fact aloud before they can believe that their ears are functioning properly. This is one of the points which reminds me that I am an international student. It reminds me that I can't drive home when the weekend comes or I can't just tell my dad to make my brother and drive down here to bring the video tape of my cousin's wedding. I can't. I can't nor can other international students. It's the fact they try their best to forget when the break comes and the campus becomes empty with its strange silence hovering in every dorm.

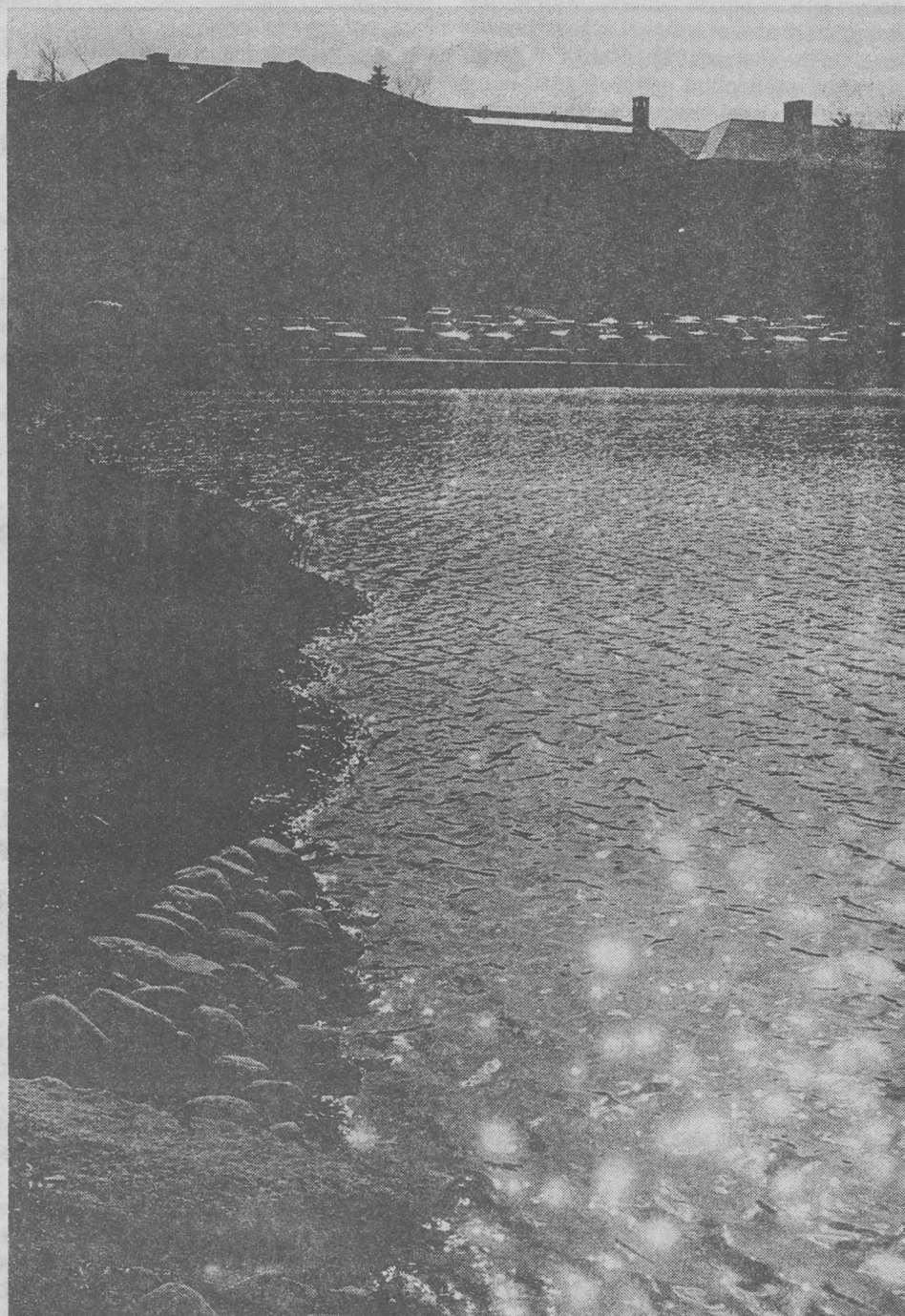
Last week, some international club members went down to Brunswick to eat an Indian dinner. I was also there, excited as always. I knew that some south Asian students who had food similar to Indian food were also psyched about the food at the dinner. The dinner turned out to be better than I expected and the reason it became better was because I was able to eat the dinner with my hand. "How do you eat rice with one hand?" a student from China asked me. "Just pick rice with your four fingers then push it with your thumb," I said, showing the movement of my fingers and taking a hand full of rice to my mouth. "See it is so easy." It wasn't easy for him and nor did he like it. He has own background and tradition of eating with chopsticks so it didn't make sense for him to eat with his hand.

I saw that day how people tend to like their own childhood habits. Nothing tastes better than when I eat with my hand. It is the way I had been learning since my childhood I had thought of eating food in commons with my hand, but I haven't ever even tried once. Why? I have asked this question to myself many times, but I can't find the answer. I want to eat with my hands. I promise myself and go to commons and smile at the lady, who swipes the card and says in her formal and caring voice, "Have a good evening." "You too," I would reply and strengthen my determination of eating with my hands, but as I pick up the tray something makes me pick the forks. Finally when I finish eating, I would find that I didn't eat with hands. This has

happened many times and the monotonous repetitions have killed my taste of eating with hands. Defeated I would cry, "I think that is the way to accept the change," and go on eating with forks and remember that I had been doing it for seven months now.

The starting days of Bates were filled with all fun and excitement; the especially Aesop trip made the early few days invigorating. Living with new American friends for the first five days gave me a broad view of how everything works out here. I mean friendship, respect and work. I still remember the funny conversation I had with the trip leaders and my friends. We were on the top of one of the mountains, where bright sunrays made everyone glow with strange sense of happiness. The sky was clear with clouds making different shapes as the wind blew by. "Look, see, yes that tower!" said our trip leader, pointing to a small tower on the top of another hill, "that is Mount Washington and the other one is Mount Carrigan." Sun was brightly shining on my eyes. Barely being able to open my eyes, I looked at it. A question came in my mind. "Isn't that a hill?" Excited to tell my view point I shouted out, "Hey Erik, don't you call that a hill." Smiling, taking a sip of water, he replied, "Yt's mountain out here." I had always learned in my kindergarten school how a mountain looks like and when I found a different definition for mountains, a strange sense of awkwardness came to me. "I need to learn more about definitions," I chuckled. Walking by the woods I asked all kinds of question with the friends. They were all happy to answer them. "Animals, where are they? I haven't seen even one in the whole trip," I questioned again. Erik quickly replied, "You can see moose sometimes." Actually, I was talking about tigers and lions, the most dreaded animals while we walk in the woods of Nepal. Erik got my point and reminded me that it is not Nepal. "Yes, how can I forget that I am in woods of United States," I reminded myself but everything in woods looked so similar. Same fresh air, same trees, same rocks, I was amazed now to notice that. Then I remembered what my moral science teacher used to say in his solemn voice, "Nature is same everywhere, you'll know it." The trail was about to end and the trip was on its last stage! "Yes, sir" I chuckled, walking between all my new friends. They were the first twelve new friends I made at Bates and I felt comfortable to have them as my friends as they made me feel in four days that you don't need to be of the same country to be a friend. Besides that, strange fate had made me run into four students of Bates- Ben, Erik, John and Amy- back in Nepal. Seeing how friendly they were I had already expected there are good people at Bates. My expectations came true - friendship didn't exist with countries or names that day. I was happy and soon, with everyone singing the last songs of the trip, the van roared back to Bates.

No wonder such a good start made me more excited about the semester. Going to all those meetings, workshops and dinners in the beginning made me more comfortable. Got the Bates mug and felt that now I am the part of Bates family. It was a strange kind of bond that was created and now also I live with that. "Is everything going fine?" one of my Aesop friends asked me when I met him in commons after a week. Indeed everything was fine and I liked how things were going. Life at Bates had started and as an international student I had finished eating lobsters of Maine. I was excited about the whole thing.



The ice has melted from the puddle, an indication that winter has ended and the semester is rapidly coming to an end.

Erin Mullin photo.

Back in Nepal, students have to choose which career they want to pursue at the end of grade 10 (sophomore year as it is called here). After that you can't change the career even if you are unsatisfied with it. On the contrary, I added and dropped classes four times on the first week at Bates. I could hardly believe it myself. I was completely satisfied and amazed at how a student can change their subjects in hours. It is one of the best things I liked out here. I am sure many south Asian students have same kind of feelings because it makes a whole lot of sense that a student won't have enough experience to choose their career in high school. It was the difference I deeply appreciated and I still do.

First semester flew by with October and Thanksgiving breaks in between. I didn't know what is Thanksgiving for or what are mashed potatoes. I came to know these things on Thanksgiving Day when I was sitting at the dining table with the brother and sister-in-law of my friend. Staying with an American family and learning all about them was another revealing experience for me. I was able to picture the way family life works in a busy city like Boston. How the relations stands, how you show respect, and how you show your love all became clearer and clearer to me with the increasing number of

days of life in the United States. With a different bond in my heart I said good bye to them and headed back with my friend. It was an experience which made me think about the United States and its many different ways.

Teacher-student relations was one of the other things that I found different. On the first day when I went to writing workshop I found myself talking with the teacher about life and family. My best high school teacher doesn't even know if I have any siblings, but here I was sharing all my feelings with someone whom I met for the first time and who is my tutor. I couldn't believe it. It was strange but filled with happiness. "I like to have such teachers," I whispered to myself as I stepped on the stairs outside of writing workshop and looked up in the navy blue sky. The whispering leaves of the trees as they blew by on the side of Chase Hall reminded me of the mango tree in my backyard in Nepal, which sings whenever there is a gust of wind blowing.

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'The Matrix' surprisingly intriguing

By MELISSA DURKIN
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(U-WIRE) STOCKTON, Calif. — I had never heard of the Wachowski Brothers before, or their lesbian gangster film "Bound," but I was thoroughly impressed by their recently released movie "The Matrix." I have to confess that I was not excited to go see the film. I figured it would just be another one of those hollow special effects fanfares, with all the formulaic drama of a dismal cyberspace future. On the contrary, "The Matrix" is an intriguing intellectual odyssey combining stimulating visual imagery and artistic action sequences.

Thomas Anderson (Keanu Reeves) leads a double life. During the day, he works as a computer software programmer. At home, Thomas is "Neo," a hacker who is "guilty of virtually every computer crime there is a law for." Morpheus is a rebellion leader, a "terrorist" of the world Neo knows. He contacts Neo because he believes Neo is "the one" to save his mission. He entices Neo to take a red pill that will lead him to the

truth. Throughout his life, Neo has felt that some truth eluded him. So, he takes the pill. Neo awakes to a strange reality. He is

in a compartment of goo and technical cords that are embedded inside his body. He soon realizes that he is surrounded by millions of these compartments. Neo is then transported to Morpheus' space ship. Morpheus explains to Neo that the nightmare he has awoken to is indeed no dream, but instead a reality that he has been unaware of his entire life. A race of artificial intelligent machines creates a virtual world for the minds of humans to live in while they use their imprisoned bodies for energy. Humans have become batteries of the future.

Neo is reluctant to accept these rev-

elations. The virtual world is all he has ever known. But, Neo eventually understands that what Morpheus says

is true. He joins Morpheus' forces to destroy "the matrix", the computer generated dreamworld. The group must fight Sentient Agents in the matrix, survive treachery, resist torture, and resolve their own fates. The battle always involves a race against time.

This film is difficult to explain because it is complex. But the subject matter is not overly confusing. The plot is

fairly straightforward. The film will make you question reality, morality, technology, rules, and limitations, among other things. It will challenge your mind. It will also challenge your eyes. There are great martial arts ex-

changes, chase scenes, and explosions. Unbelievably quick movements are followed by slow motion ones. Everything is choreographed to perfection. There is also an interesting fluidity between flesh and matter. The result is that all your senses are stimulated for the entire movie.

Neo, the protagonist, seems to require minimal acting from Reeves. The focus is on Morpheus and Lawrence Fishbourne does an excellent job of portraying the solid and knowing hero-father figure. I also liked Moss a lot. She plays Trinity, one of Morpheus' clan. She is reserved, yet sensitive. She is right in the heat of things with the other men. She can fight as well as anyone. The rest of the cast is fine. Their characters are either likeable or detestable. They also provide some humor throughout the film.

The ending is not as sharp as the rest of the movie. But, it makes sense. The film as a whole has a lingering effect. The images will replay themselves in your mind, and the questions the movie raises will come to you in your dreams. Go see the film and find out what the matrix is for yourself. Leave your preconceived notions behind. Let "The Matrix" surprise, thrill and challenge you.

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Some young Nebraskans carry polka torch despite waning interest

By JASON HARDY
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(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. — During the 1950s, a polka show in Nebraska was a sure bet for a big crowd and a fun night. Since then the turnout at polka shows has dwindled both in size and variety of those attending. Performers and venues alike just aren't getting the response they once enjoyed.

Still, those loyal to the music persist. "Let's face it, when I started in the early '50s we used to get 1400 people easily," said Ron Nadherny, front man for the Ron Nadherny Polka Band of Omaha. "You can't get that anymore, but the music has still maintained itself throughout all these years."

Thursday, as part of the ongoing Great Plains Music and Dance Festival and Sym-

posium, the Pla-Mor Ballroom is showcasing a night of polka music and dancing with the Ron Nadherny Polka Band and the Colorado River Boys.

Unfortunately, events like tonight's have become increasingly rare, and since he founded his group 26 years ago, Nadherny says the opportunities to perform aren't as plentiful.

"The demand isn't as great anymore," Nadherny said. "As people grow older the crowd kind of dies off. Around our area we have mostly older people. Wisconsin still maintains a fairly young crowd, but we have a lot of great bands still working here."

"I think Nebraska and Wisconsin are the states that are really holding it together."

Nadherny said a key player in keeping polka alive was Pla-Mor owner, Bobby Lane, who has continually booked polka acts over the years, despite waning attendance.

Lane said that while the shows didn't attract massive crowds anymore, there was still a loyal group who made booking polka acts worth it.

"The people who love the music really put out an effort to attend," Lane said. "One of the disappointing things is that we're not seeing as many young people attend as we used to."

"It's something that people are clinging to, but everything changes."

He said that while younger generations weren't being exposed to as much polka as before, there were still those who heard and enjoyed it via their parents, grandparents or other family members and it was those people who kept polka a proud tradition in Nebraska.

He said younger musicians such as Mark Vhlydal, Jim Kucera and Barry Boyce were definitely accepting the torch and car-

rying polka on, despite garnering little respect outside of the die-hard polka loyalists.

"It's been a part of this culture since the people came over to this country from Europe. It was something they could cling to from their roots, and then preserve through the generations," Lane said.

"I think it will stay like that, simply because in the last 30 years the music itself hasn't changed one bit. That makes me think the style will stay true to form."

Nadherny said it was that basic style that had kept it around all these years. He said there was one simple element about polka that would always keep people coming-fun.

"The thing about polka is that when the people go to the polka dance, it's like one big happy family getting together and having a happy party."

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A look back

Funny little things make me remember home, don't they? "Yes," I whispered as the cold air blew my hair.

"I know it's weird, last year we had this much," raising the hand about two feet from the ground, "of snow," my friend told me as we were walking by the quad. It was in October when everyone was getting restless for snow. I have seen snow but never lived with it existing everyday. I was also looking forward to play with snow at that time. I still remember the first day, that afternoon, when snow came showering, turning everything soft white. I know there are many international students who haven't seen snow before. I was just wondering how they must have been feeling. I was happy with strange happiness. I don't know how to explain that but it was different, just different. "How do you like the snow," someone shouted across the quad throwing a small snowball. "Yeah, I like it, how about you?" I shouted back. He didn't hear me but I knew he was enjoying it. It was the first time, literally, that I started living with snow.

With the falling snow, Christmas came and gave me completely new insight about how much of a big festival is it in the United States. Being from a Hindu country, I had never known much about Christmas, but the first Christmas experience took me by sur-

prise. I had gone to stay with my friend's family and one can imagine how overwhelming it can be when a hospitable family treats you as a guest and does their best to make you happy with Christmas. Seriously, when I was talking with his grandparents I could see my grandfather's face shimmering behind his smile. I couldn't believe it. I was home away from home. "If you had been here," I whispered and remained silent. "Want some red wine," my friend's mom asked me. My friend and his step dad were chatting on the other side of the table. "So, how was your sailing trip?" my friend's step dad asked. I just couldn't believe the scene of step dad and stepson talking like that. I had rarely heard anything like that before in Nepal. It is really unusual in Nepal. I could see the difference out here. It was strange but impressive. I had never believed that relations could exist in such a stage but I saw it. It was a real example, which made me believe. I was happy for my friend and his step dad. "Things are different out here," I thought.

Semester flew by after Christmas. I realized the workload of a typical U.S. college student and learned all kinds of new things and made a lot of new friends. I came to know more about American music and talk about it so I got a lot of CDs with colorful covers. Life was colorful as the leaves of

the trees in the quad in September. It seemed everything was great but something was missing all the time. I could feel it. Something was missing.

Last Friday, I was watching an Indian movie in my room. It was bright and sunny out. The first traces of summer had made their mark on the quad. I could hear the faint sounds of people. Unable to bear the inquisitive questions, I looked out from the quad. There I saw people playing Frisbee, running around in the green grass, listening to music and talking with each other. I knew many people in that group. I thought of joining them but something stopped me. I don't know what but something did. Taking a deep breath I continued watching the movie which I had already watched three times before on three consecutive Fridays. The songs on the movie reminded me of all my friends back home and how I used to play with them. Shall I go outside to join them? The question struck me again. "No," I whispered, but why? My heart was asking me again and again but I couldn't find the answer.

Unanswered, I went to commons. My feet walked me to the same table where I always eat. There were international students. I just went and joined them without even asking whether I could join or not. After eating half of my dinner, the same question came in

my mind again. "Why is that I joined the table with international students without even asking but I didn't join the Frisbee game where my American friends were playing? Why?" This question was eating my mind. After all, all of them are my friends. Why didn't I join? Still unanswered, I walked back to my dorm. It was getting dark and the red evening light of sun was twinkling behind the branches of the trees. "How are you?" Someone shouted from the crowd. "Fine," raising my hand I replied. After reaching in front of the door of Rand, I stopped and stared at the lovely scene of quad. I could still here the faint excitement of people playing Frisbee. "All are my friends, but why didn't I join?" Same question came ringing on my head as I caught the door handle to open.

Unanswered, I came back to my room, stared at a picture of my mom and asked myself, "What is and why the difference?" After staring the ceiling for a long time I shouted, "Things are different and indeed it should be. After all, I am at Bates not in my home." Shouting this to myself, I jumped up from my bed and mumbled "Maybe I need more time to adapt." Then I ran downstairs to play Frisbee but it was silent outside. No one was playing. It was already dark and there weren't any stars in the sky.

Grisham's new 'Testament' grabs the reader

By LAURA SCHAEFER
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(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wisc. — By now, almost everyone knows of John Grisham and his string of best-selling novels. Although he has become the standard for airport newsstands, there is a reason people gobble him up like little pouches of honey-roasted peanuts. He entertains and engages readers yet again with his newest, "The Testament," by grabbing their attention right from the opening line.

We meet an ailing billionaire about to sign a will to deposit his fortune with his six ravenous children. Or will he? A dramatic change of heart and a jump from a 14-story window pave the way for a page-turning adventure. Who would have thought that even lawyers in charge of estate planning could get a piece of the Grisham intrigue and disaster?

Because our billionaire has decided to leave everything to an illegitimate daughter serving as a missionary in the remote Bra-

zilian swamp of the Pantanel, his lawyer and only friend must find someone to locate her.

The unlikely candidate is an alcoholic (and former star litigator), Nate O'Riley, happy to run from the evils of civilization—until he meets his first alligator. Grisham takes his readers deep into the swamp and into Nate's head, which leads to the unexpected Christian rebirth of our hero. He was, of course, chasing a missionary, so it all makes sense. Hmmm. Odd, yes, but somehow the departure works in this novel and lends it a little more depth than usual Grisham fare. One gets the

idea that he might have put a little more of himself into writing this particular tale of redemption (neatly disguised as a legal thriller, of course).

Was "The Testament" really the last will and testament of our billionaire, or Grisham's testament of faith to his loyal flock of readers? Not important, but the double meaning of the title is satisfying, just as like the rest of the novel. So if you are looking for a quick, exciting read (with a religious twist this time), check out "The Testament."

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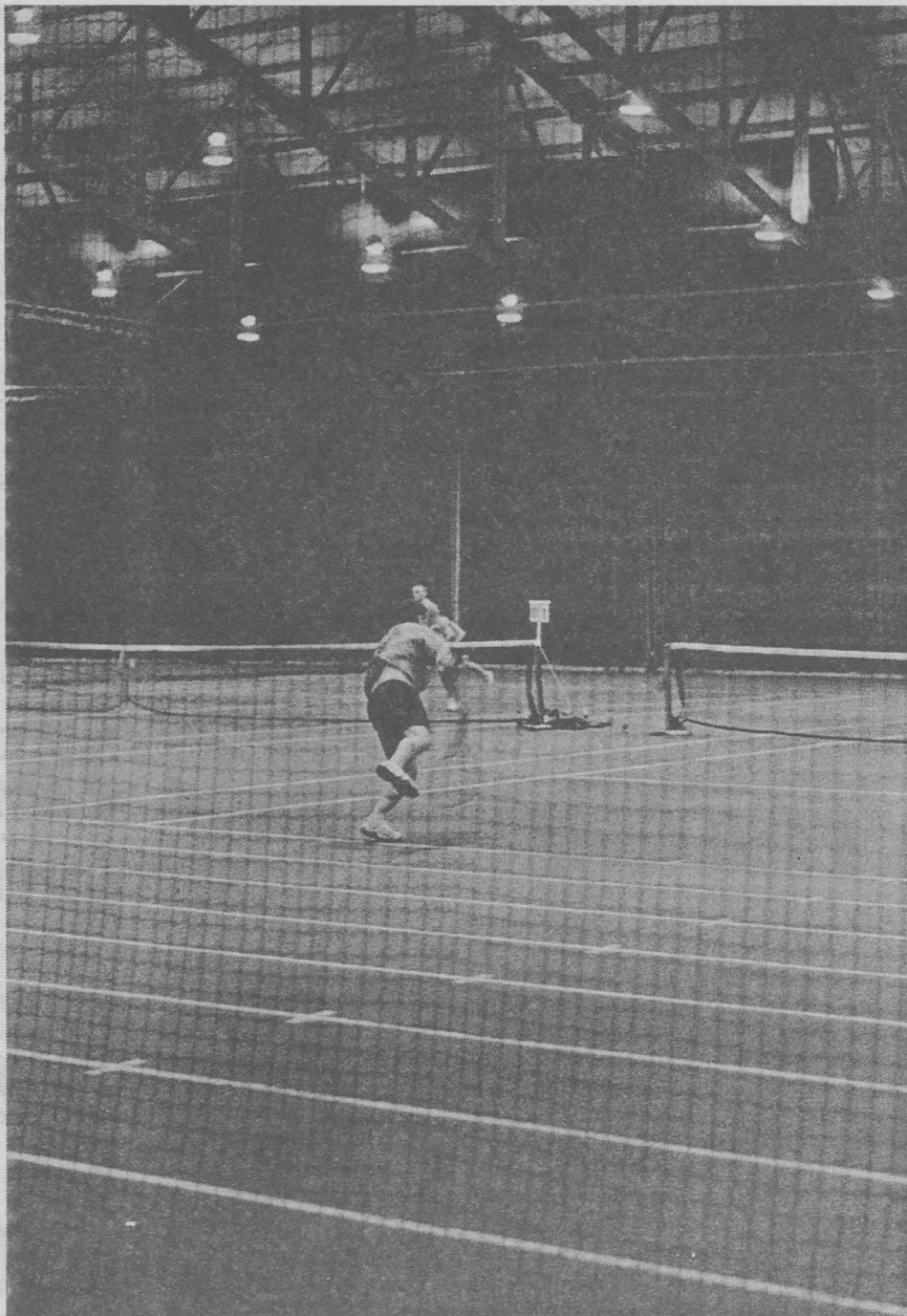
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Staff Writer

In tennis there are often points in closely contested singles matches in which the players will rally for many hits of the ball over the net, both making the other scramble and fetch, scramble and fetch, with the grunting of each player becoming more audible with each successive strike of the ball. Finally, when it appears as though a stalemate has been reached and no one will be released from the point that has bound the two combatants, a ball clips the top of the net, not making it over to the other side. The point is over. Such an image is representative of the Bates men's tennis team in its 5-2 loss to the Tufts University Jumbos last Friday.

Going into the match the 'Cats were warm, imitating the recent trend of weather, as they won two matches in a row over Coast Guard and Colby. In addition, the team was at virtually full strength, with the only uncertainty being the health of senior Sean Bilsborrow-Koo's right arm.

The doubles started with a bang, as all three teams held their own with the Jumbos through the first seven games, before Tufts placed a bit of distance between themselves and the pesky Bobcats toward the end of each set, defeating the talented duo of Benjamin Lamanna and Sean Bilsborrow-Koo at second doubles by the score of 8-4, with the number three Bates team of John Tucker and Chris Danforth falling by the identical score. It appeared as though all three of the doubles would be overcome quickly until the first doubles tandem of Milko Todorov and Gregory C. Norton staged a resilient comeback after falling behind the Tufts team of DeMezza-Roehm, before finally losing, 8-6. The doubles matches were certainly not a failure, however, as they displayed the intensity of the Bobcats as a team that would be quite competitive on this day. On the other side of the coin, Bates would not be comforted by the hard facts-in particular, that the team's winning percentage was .000 after losing in doubles. However, tennis matches are not played on paper, they are played on asphalt.

At number one singles, Dmitri Kudrjartsev '00 looked to improve upon an unblemished record through his first two matches of the year, but ran into a very difficult opponent in nationally ranked Jumbo senior Adam DeMezza. In a match characterized by long rallies, followed by an eventual short ball by Kudrjartsev, DeMezza made



Bates served up a wicked game against Tufts.

Erin Mullin photo.

use of his powerful strokes to baffle the Bates number one, winning, but not without difficulty, 6-3, 6-4. At this point, Tufts consolidated their doubles point with the victory at first singles, leading 2-0 in total matches. The 'Cats would come roaring back with a vengeance, however, as number six Sean Bilsborrow-Koo ripped through his opponent, 6-3, in the initial set. At number three, Todorov continued his impressive play on the season, maintaining his undefeated record at the third singles slot with a deliberate dismantling of Tufts' Sen Siva by the score of 6-2, 7-5. In his victory to pull Bates closer at 2-1, Todorov used a patient yet aggressive style of play, enabling him to finish the points with his trademark textbook volleys. At second, fourth, and fifth singles, however, Tufts edged closer to winning their third point on the day as Greg Norton fell behind his opponent, dropping the first set, 6-3, and Lamanna and Tucker each lost their initial sets by the scores of 6-4 and 6-2, respectively. However, Greg Norton was able to take control of the match, stopping the bleeding, and in the process, his opponent, 6-3, 6-2, in the second and third sets. Unfortunately, that would be the last victory for the 'Cats on the day, as Bilsborrow-Koo's arm began to trouble him midway through the second set with him in the lead, 3-1. Victory proceeded to taunt Bates elusively, as Lamanna and Tucker both rebounded from their first-set difficulties to win their second sets before finally succumbing.

Two days prior, Tufts had lost to perennial NESCAC tennis powerhouse Amherst by the seemingly decisive score of 6-1. However, it should be noted that they lost in much the same fashion as Bates did to them on Friday, losing three three-set matches. Quite clearly, Bates tennis is on the up-and-up, losing a close match to one of the top teams in New England. Senior Sean Bilsborrow-Koo had these thoughts on the match: "We were competitive against Tufts as we have been against every team this year. It has just come down to a couple of points here and there that haven't gone our way-but they will." Equally encouraged was first-year Ben "Len" Lamanna: "Tufts was the best match we've played all year. We played with a great deal of heart and emotion and we're gaining experience with each match. We're a young team and we're continuing to improve." With that improvement, more of those balls will trickle over the net instead of falling back on the Bates side.

Women's Lax rolls at Stonehill

By CAM DONALDSON
Sports Editor

Riding a second-half adrenaline rush that resulted in seven Bates goals, the Bobcats added a win over Division II opponent Stonehill College to their season resume. On Monday, they held Stonehill to three scores in the second stanza and put a 9-7 win on the board.

"We didn't really kick into gear until the second half," said Wendy Zimmerman '99. "But then we really turned it on. We not only showed ourselves what we're capable of, but also our coach and other teams, so there's no logical reason why we shouldn't start off like that from now on."

Julie Lundman '99 was a fixture on the attack in this one, scoring a goal and dishing three assists. In addition, she got plenty of help from a strong supporting cast. Erin Flynn '01 and Liz Coulson '02 were multiple goal-scorers and Jennifer Sall '01, Abby Lusardi '01, Liz Stefany '02 and Johanna Fierman '02 each tallied once. Backing up this balanced attack, rookie goalkeeper Jen Strahle

fashioned her first career win out of a 14-save performance.

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"The team really wanted to win," said Zimmerman. "We needed to show ourselves that we could do it. Now that we have, we can only go uphill from here. There are still many things that need improvement, but a lot of that is coming with experience. Each game is progressively better. Although we had weaknesses,

the other team did not capitalize on them, so we were able to come out on top...Anything is possible on any given day."

With the Stonehill win in the books, Bates now boasts a 2-1 record versus Division II opponents and a 2-2 overall mark. They challenge two formidable Division III opponents in Connecticut this weekend, traveling to Conn College on Friday and Trinity on Saturday.

Yeah, Bates!

Baseball lacks consistency, drops to 0-10

By PAUL ZINN
Staff Writer

The Bobcat baseball team didn't start off its home stand the way it would have liked to, losing all five games over a three day stretch, to the likes of St. Joe's, Colby-Sawyer, and Tufts. Well, one of the goals this team has is to finish over the .500 mark this season. If this is going to happen, things are going to need to change, and they are going to need to change quickly, as the Bobcats have five games over a three-day stretch this week going into next week, including a twin bill against those Polar Bears from Brunswick. There were bright spots this weekend, but the problem was they were spotty at best. If the baseball team is going to achieve it's goal they are going to need to be a lot more consistent the rest of the way. As Shirl Penney '99 put it, "I do feel that we need a win this weekend, and I feel that there is no reason not to expect to win. I still am very confident that we have a good baseball team, but we need to put it all together (pitching, hitting, and fielding) in one game for nine innings."

One of the things that became apparent to those of you who made your way over to Leahy Field last weekend is that the Bobcats really lack depth in the pitching department. The pitching became even more depleted early this week when the team learned they would have to do without Andy Stanton '01 this weekend. The St. Joe's game was close until the sixth, but that inning saw St. Joe's (6-6) score six times on their way to a 14-4 victory. In the fourth, the Monks struck for two unearned runs against Blicharz. However, the junior was able to keep it close and allowed the Bobcats to get back in it. Back to back RBI singles by Matt Pound '01 and John Merriman '02 in the Bates fifth evened the score at two. However, Blicharz tired in the sixth, and the Monks were able to break it open. This is one of the problems with the lack of depth and experience in the pen. That being, there are few people a manager can call on in a close game. The first seven St. Joe's batters reached base en route to six Monk runs. It was a leadoff double by Ben Gosselin '00 followed by six singles that allowed St. Joe's to score six runs. This made the score 8-2. The Bobcats would need to use Kevin Walsh '01 and James Hanley '00

to get through the inning. Bates got two back in their half of the sixth when Scott MacAuliffe '99 singled. Jason Coulie '00 tripled him home, and Coulie would later score himself on Shirl Penney's sacrifice fly. Dropped fly balls by Coulie and Austin Philbin '00 in the seventh allowed for three more Monk runs and an 11-6 lead. Bates had one last chance in their half of the seventh when the first two batters reached base. However, the next batter, Merriman, lined into a triple play. The Monks added three more in the eighth and beat the Bobcats 14-4.

The next afternoon the baseball team would drop a decision to Colby-Sawyer (6-6) by the score of 18-5. One thing in particular hurt about this game. When a team lacks pitching depth and it has a lot of games in a short period of time, it needs to find pitching from other areas.

Coach Flynn's solution, and a good one at that, was to give Austin Philbin his first ever start at Bates. Philbin would pitch six great innings before it all fell apart in the seventh. On the pitching last weekend, Flynn said, "I think that the starting pitchers performed well. When we had to go to set up people, we didn't get as good a performance. There was a dropoff." The game was 3-3 going to the seventh. Colby-Sawyer had struck for one in the first and two in the fourth. The hometown Bobcats had gotten one each in the third, fourth and fifth, including Jason Coulie's first round tripper of the year. Coulie is now eight away from breaking the all-time Bates record. On the afternoon, Coulie was 3-5. Christian Gallagher '01 was also 2-4, scoring twice and adding an RBI. This brought the game to a 3-3 tie in the seventh, after a splen-

did pitching performance by Philbin. The splendid pitching ended in the seventh as Philbin would give up back to back home runs to Tyler Blout '99 and Chris Cabe '00. The damage started there, but it wouldn't end as Colby-Sawyer struck for six in the seventh, two in the eighth, and seven in the ninth. Coulie would relieve Philbin in the seventh, Stanton worked the eighth, while first-year Ben Donaldson and James Hanley '00 combined to pitch the ninth. This had to be a tough one to swallow. A great pitching performance by Philbin was ruined by a torturous seventh inning, which included back to back home runs.

The weekend concluded when the team dropped a double-header to the Tufts Jumbos (7-7) on Saturday. The score of the first game was 13-5, while the second was 7-0. Starting pitcher Christian Gallagher struggled in the opener, giving up a series of hits in the second en route to four runs. The Jumbos added one in the third, making it 5-0. Tufts struck for three more in the fourth, giving them

an 8-0 lead. However, Kevin Walsh was able to work out of a very difficult jam in the fourth, keeping it 8-0. The Bobcats couldn't get the bats going, though. They would finally score two in the fifth and three in the seventh, highlighted by Ben Bines's '01 first homer of the year. The Jumbos got five more meaningless runs in the sixth and seventh innings. The key to this game was good hitting by Tufts and poor starting pitching from the Bobcats, as Gallagher got hit hard early.

The Bobcat bats failed them in the second game, and they dropped a 7-0 decision. Zach Brown pitched a complete game, two-hit shutout. Bobcat starter, John

Merriman gave up four in the opening inning but then settled down, until the seventh. He kept the team in it, but the Bates offense never came around. First year Dan Callahan highlighted the Jumbo offense going 3-4 with a double, a run scored, and an RBI. More trouble came in the seventh as Tufts got three more, and Andy Stanton had to come in to complete the game for Merriman. This game was simple. It comes down to the inability of the Bobcats to solve Zach Smith. Scott MacAuliffe said, "Game Two vs. Tufts is a great example of not hitting on all cylinders. We got great pitching and great defense, but our offensive output that game was minimal at best. We need everything to come together which has yet to happen, except vs. Greensboro College."

No doubt, it was a rough weekend for the baseball team. Pitching and defense were the areas of concern at the beginning of the season. My ratings, based on what I have saw, is that the Bobcats have been average in both areas. Then why are they standing at 0-10 going into Thursday's game with Thomas College? Because there hasn't been a game where they have been good in both areas, and then combined that with a good offensive performance. On Thursday and Friday they got good starting pitching performances. However, the bats and bullpen failed them. In the first game on Saturday, the bats were there, but the starting pitching wasn't. During the second game, the Bobcats weren't able to do well in either area. The fielding was about average all weekend. It may have been a little below on Thursday with the two dropped fly balls. After Thursday, the home stand ends with twin billings against Caldwell College, Bowdoin College, and Endicott College. The interesting thing is that the Polar Bears are beatable this year, and the Bates-Bowdoin rivalry is one that is becoming fiercer by the season. If the Bobcats can put it together this weekend, look for them to get a few victories. As Flynn put it, "There's no doubt we will improve. Our main concern is pitching. We have a few guys who are hitting the ball well and a few guys who should start to hit the ball in upcoming games."

"I do feel that we need a win this weekend, and I feel that there is no reason not to expect to win. I still am very confident that we have a good baseball team, but we need to put it all together (pitching, hitting, and fielding) in one game for nine innings."

Shirl Penney '99

Women's Tennis closes millenium in winning fashion

Bates just misses clean sweep in 8-1 victory over Mount Holyoke

By NICK BOURNAKEL
Staff Writer

The Bates women's tennis team utilized strong performances by all of its members to defeat Mt. Holyoke, 8-1 on Saturday, in the final match of the season, and the final match in the careers of seniors Natalie Herald, Captain Laura Shearer and Emily Carleton.

Originally scheduled as a double-header including USM, the Mt. Holyoke match illustrated focus, determination, and skill on the parts of all members of the Bates team, several of whom battled adversity in the form of sickness and slow starts en route to their victories. Heading into the contest, the Bobcats were concerned due to their abbreviated spring season, in addition to the fact that Mt. Holyoke was strong and confident following an earlier spring win over Brandeis. This nervousness on the part of Bates would quickly manifest itself in two closely contested doubles matches. The first doubles tandem of Suzanne Daly '01 and Emily Carleton as well as the duo of Shearer and Herald both fell behind by identical 5-6 scores three-quarters of the way through their pro-sets, and things seemed very tight at that point. However, the clouds of doubt

gave way to brightened skies as sophomore Crystal Arpei defeated her opponent at number six singles convincingly, 6-0, 6-1. In addition, an 8-0 white-washing was served up by Bates with the aid of first-year standouts Mary Dorman and Catherine Murray at the number three doubles spot. Apparently, these early victories were just what the doctor ordered, as both one and two doubles came from behind to leave their opponents wondering what just happened.

The singles play in spots one through five was characterized by three difficult three-set matches, all by the seniors. At number three,

Emily Carleton overcame an illness, as well as a tough player across the net, to emerge with a determination-driven, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 triumph. Similarly, Laura Shearer exhibited an equally impressive amount of heart to win in three very lopsided sets, 6-1, 1-6, 6-2. And in the longest match of the day, senior Natalie Herald played incredibly, returning after taking the fall season off, to take a 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 "barnburner" (as we say in Maine). On the three seniors, Coach John Illig said, "They are seniors, this was their last college match, and they had the desire to win. All three of them won, and that was a great finale to three great college careers. They all worked hard and they will be missed."

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As for the number two singles point, it was crucial, deciding the match and clinching the victory, as well as the third straight winning season for the team. Mary Dorman came through in the clutch, exhibiting poise well beyond her first-year status, en route to a straight-set victory, 6-3, 6-4. She will undoubtedly be a cornerstone to the Bobcats succession in the years to come. And at number one, Suzanne Daly struck the ball well but came up short against a solid Mt. Holyoke opponent. Next year promises to be an exciting one for Daly, as she was selected as a captain to replace Laura Shearer, who had this to say: "I'm very excited. She's a really strong leader, has a strong presence on the court, and leads by example."

Despite graduating three seniors this year, the Bates women's tennis squad faces a bright future, by all indications, with a strong core of first-year and sophomore players, already boasting a great amount of varsity match experience. And with the imminent return of Co-Captain Janice Michaels '00, the fourth winning season in a row looks to be well within the reach of the hungry Bobcats!



Baseball swings away, but falls short of the fences.

Erin Mullin photo.

'catscratches

By CAM DONALDSON
Sports Editor

Fresh from a third place finish in the 35-pound weight throw at nationals, indoor All American Lucas Adams '00 again qualified for NCAA's last weekend in the first meet of the **Men's Track and Field** spring season. That makes four career NCAA bids for Adams, who hurled a hammer 180 feet and 3 inches to nail down his second outdoor nationals bid in three years. Wins by Erik Zwick '01 (200m dash), Justin Bates (800m run) and Mike Danahy '00 (1500m run, 4x400 relay) propelled the 'Cats to a first place finish in a pool of eight teams at the Rhode Island College Invitational. Bates flexed its muscle in the throwing events as well, with three scorers in the discus and four scorers in the hammer throw...**Men's Lacrosse** (4-

4) was forced to swallow a couple of tough losses last week. On Saturday, they were felled by Wesleyan, 11-5, in a game they were never really in as a result of falling into a 5-0 hole in the first quarter. In the fourth quarter, they started to show some zip over a two-minute span in which they registered three goals, bringing the score to 10-5. However, it was simply too little too late for these Bobcats. Jon Miller '00 was sharp on the attack for Bates, netting a pair of goals. Sophomore midfielder Dylan Cruess and first-year attacker Jack Sandler each picked up a goal and an assist on the afternoon. If you left Tuesday's CBB opener after three quarters, you saw a fine game of lacrosse that ended with Colby staked to a 6-3 advantage. However, if you stayed for the final quarter, you saw Bates falter in their offensive zone ball control and ultimately crumple under pres-

sure from the Mules' bing-bang-BOOM attacking plays. The end result? A 12-4 eyesore that, on paper, does not do justice to the efforts of the home team. Bates got on the board less than two minutes into the contest, as rookie attacker Dave Frederick struck first for the 'Cats. Colby responded by intensifying their offensive drives and scoring the next five goals. Just before half time, Sandler brought the Bobcats within three. After the break, Frederick brought the score to 5-3 after receiving a pass from Peter Fell '00, who made a dramatic coast-to-coast rush on a Colby extra-man situation, but the Mules would get the next three goals. Aaron Sells '01 deked the keeper out of his sweats late in the fourth quarter, but to no avail. Colby scored three times in the last three minutes to put this one behind us. One bright spot in both of these games was the Bobcat

goaltending. Dirk Huntington '00 and David Pillsbury '00 have proven to be a capable tandem between the pipes. At Wesleyan, Pillsbury was downright dynamic in relief, plucking 16 shots from a wide variety of angles. Agent Huntington was equal to the task against Colby, making 16 saves, many of which looked like something straight out of "The Matrix"...Kudos are in order for the members of the **Bates Baseball** team, who brought their 0-10 seasonopening skid to a screaming halt on Thursday with a 12-3 win over Thomas College. In the words of freshman phenom Ben Donaldson, it was "a good ol' fashioned shillacking, just like we used to do down in Ellsworth." Way to go 'Cats! Our hopes will be with you this weekend for Caldwell (Friday 12:00) and Bowdoin (Saturday 12:00).

Winslow sets Women's Track on record start

The women's track team is off to an outstanding start to the season. Junior Jennifer Winslow has achieved her early season goal of breaking the school record in the discus. The new record is 111'6". The previous record of 109' had stood since 1985. Next on her mind is a qualifying mark for the NCAA Championship in the hammer. In her first meet she threw a lifetime best of 143'0" - just three feet off the NCAA Provisional Mark.

Winslow and two of her senior teammates, Erika Bristol (136'6") and Kate Osborne (132'10"), have qualified for both the ECAC and Division III Championships. All three are ranked in the top 15 in New England. Also in the throwing events, Molly Metcalf '01 qualified for the New England Division III Championship in the javelin with her

throw of 101'11."

In the running events, Leah McDonald '02 won the 400m at the Rhode Island College Invitational with a collegiate best of 61.84, qualifying her for the New England III Championship. Leah also won the pole vault and placed 5th in the 200m to be Bates's high scorer (22 points) at the RIC Invitational.

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Championship, finishing second in 5:01.84. Kate Burakowski '00 was close behind with an NE III Qualifying mark of 5:02.52. Lauren Nally '99 is leading the long distance runners with NE III qualifying marks in both the 5000m (19:57.00) and 10,000m (43:43.0). Ellen Humphrey '01 ran 2:25.46 to finish 2nd at RIC in the 800m, qualify-

ing for the NE III Championship.

In the jumping events, Anya Belanger '02 again qualified for the NE III Championship in both the high jump (4'11") and triple jump (33'0") at RIC, and jumped a lifetime best in the long jump (15'4 1/2").

The hurdles again look strong for Bates as Kathryn Ramer '02 (17.22) has qualified for ECAC's and Erika Bristol (17.43) for the NE III Championship.

The team placed 2nd of eight teams at the RIC Invitational, narrowly edging out host RIC.

Go 'Cats!

Bowdoin sweeps Softball in twin billing

By PAUL ZINN
Staff Writer

Well the softball team is currently standing at 0-3, but they certainly have solidified themselves as one of the more exciting teams this spring. Students seem to be noticing too, as people are really beginning to show up for these games. Despite the 0-3 start, this team has produced some very exciting games. It started with a heartbreaking 12-9 loss to UNE to open the season, a game in which the Bobcats had leads of four runs twice. It commenced with getting beat up by the Polar Bears 11-1 in the opening game of a doubleheader on Saturday. It ended with a real tough 7-6 loss to Bowdoin in the second game. This was a game that the Bobcats fell behind in 6-2 and would come back to tie it at six, before losing it 7-6 in the final inning. Bates next faces Maine Presque-Isle this Saturday, at home, in a double header.

In the opener, Bobcat vs. Polar Bear equaled dead Bobcat, as Bates couldn't seem to solve first-year pitcher Jessie Poulin. She got the win and held the Bobcats to three hits over five innings of work. Senior co-captain Becki Gasior got the start for the 'Cats and picked up her second loss. Gasior, despite being 0-2, is simply struggling in spots, a bad inning here or a bad inning there. The opener was scoreless going to the top of three, and this was one of Gasior's bad innings as the

Polar Bears would pick up four runs. Bowdoin batted around and used a series of base hits to score four runs. They would pick up six more in the fourth when the Polar Bears batted around once again. The Bowdoin half of the fourth inning was highlighted by a three-run double from Emily Grenier. Bowdoin made it 11-0 in the fifth, and the Bobcats lost, via the mercy rule, when they failed to score twice in their half of the fifth. They did get one making the final 11-1. Also, for Bowdoin, Erin McDonough went 2-4 with a pair of RBI singles.

In Game Two, Jen Crawford '01 was hit hard early as the Polar Bears got two in the second, three in the third, and tacked on one in the fourth. Kristie Miller did the most damage with two RBI doubles. However, trailing 6-0, the Bobcats didn't throw in the towel, and Crawford would settle down and give the Bobcats a chance to get

back in the game. Then, in the bottom of the fourth, Anna Wulffleff '01 hit a hard grounder between the first and second basemen that scored two runs, with two outs. This made it 6-2. First-year Kim Bosse would make it 6-

3 in the fifth, when she scored on an error. However, the big blow or bang I should say would come in the sixth, when Whitney Hammill '02 hit a base clearing triple to tie the game at six. However, it was not to be, as Emily Rizza '02 roped a two out single down the third base line in the top of the seventh, and Megan Wardrop '01 came around to score, making it 7-6. Emily Morningstar '99 would lead off the Bobcat seventh with a bunt single, but one out later the Polar Bears turned a double play to end it. On the game

Morningstar said, "The second game against Bowdoin was frustrating because I honestly thought we were going to pull out a win. Some may say that the two calls at the end

spoiled it, but thinking back on the loss, we should never have been in that position. Even though we had a six run rally, which is great to know that we have it in us to fight back, that is the worst position to be in. The way we should be playing is to hold the lead rather than playing catch up." Bowdoin came away with a 7-6 victory and a sweep of the doubleheader.

This team could be somewhat comparable to the men's basketball team. Both are young and quite talented. Both have young coaches. Both teams stress the same things. That being, this is a long process that will hopefully result in a lot of wins. Something else that will hurt the team is the loss of Katie Marshall '00 due to a broken foot against Bowdoin. The 'Cats will look to give Coach Gwen Lexow her first win on Saturday when Maine Presque-Isle comes to town for a doubleheader. Last year Bates swept Maine Presque-Isle, outscoring them by a total of 33-4. Despite the 0-3 start, look for this team to do big things as the season goes on. Also, look for them to get their first win on Saturday against a team they beat up on last year. Morningstar added, "The starting pitching has been doing a great job, but a bad combination of mental and physical errors combined with other teams getting solid hits has hurt us."

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Emily Morningstar '99

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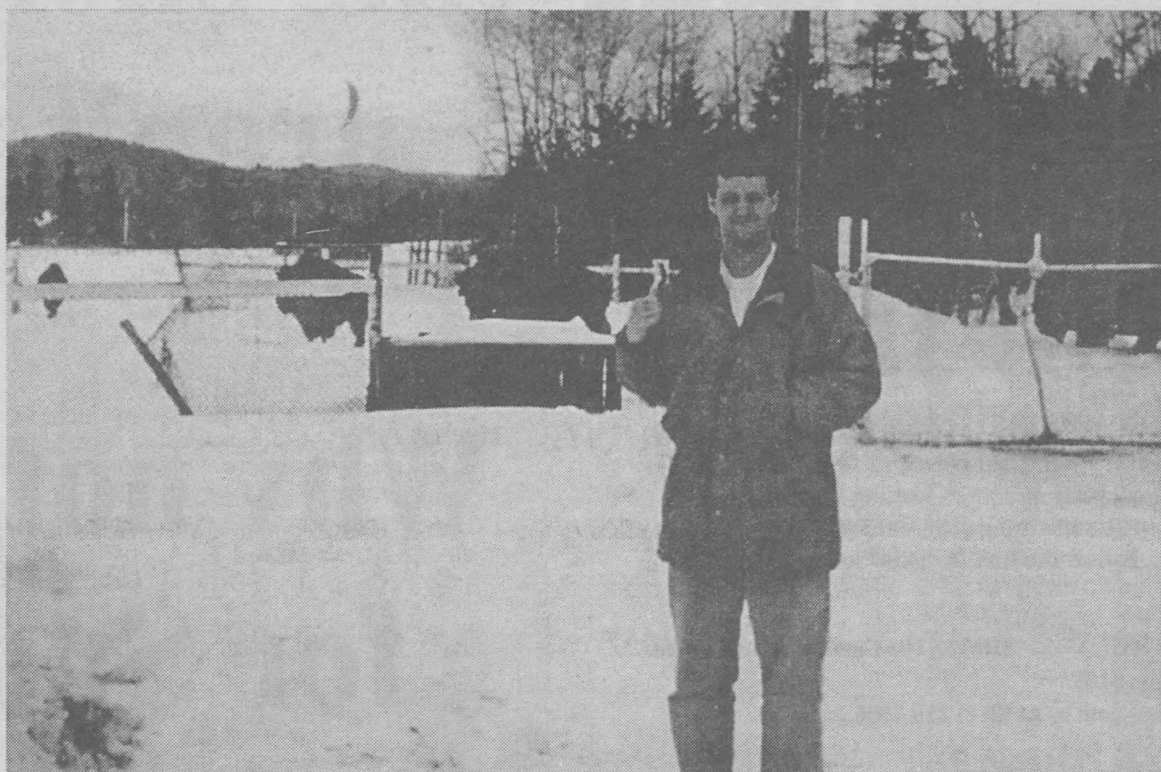
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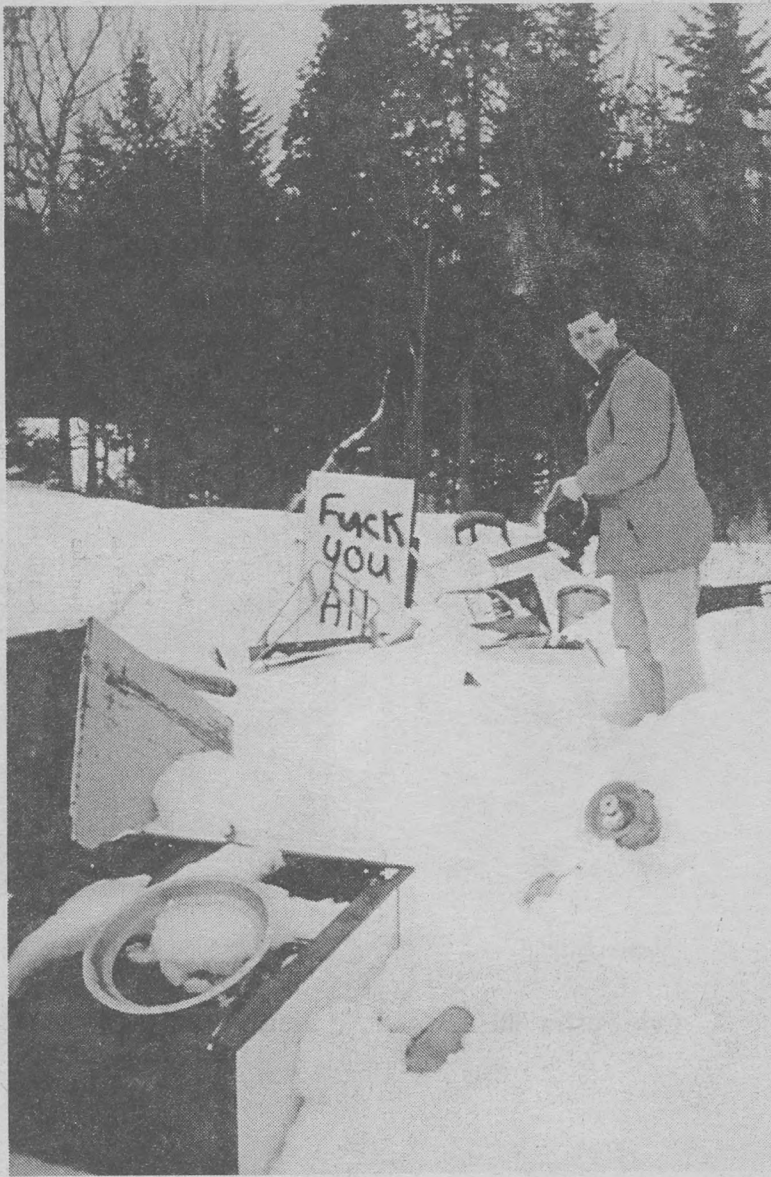
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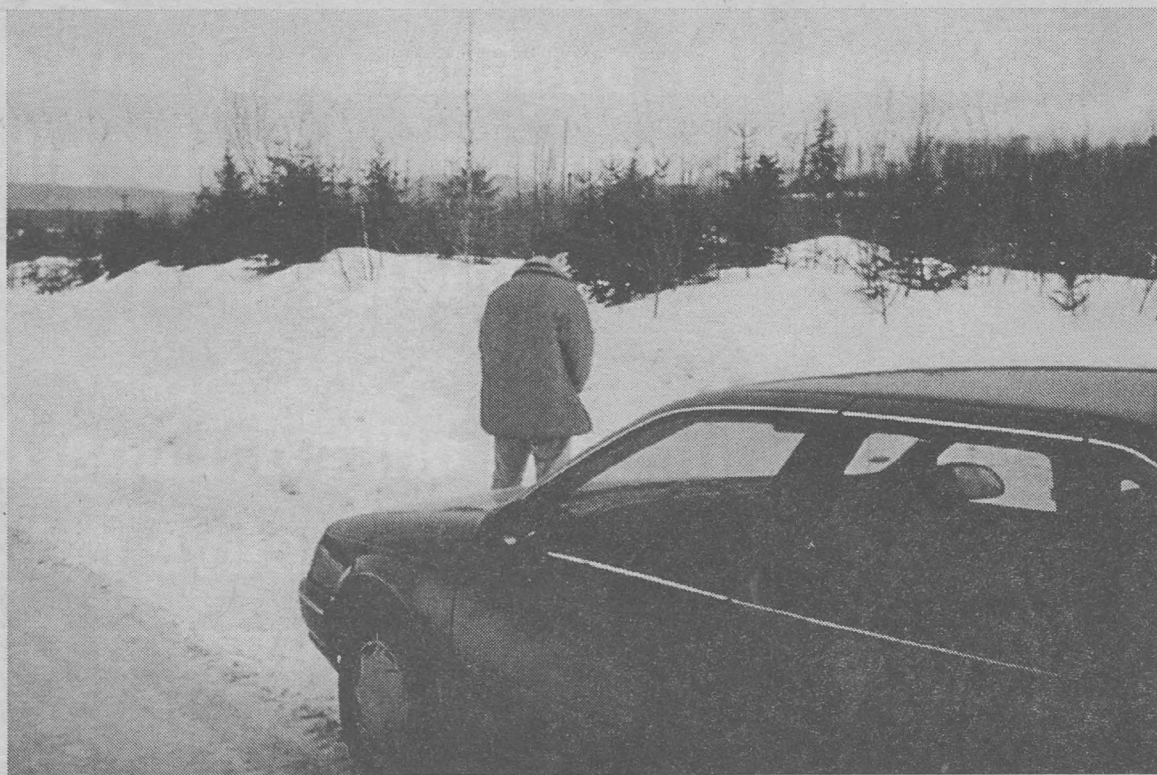
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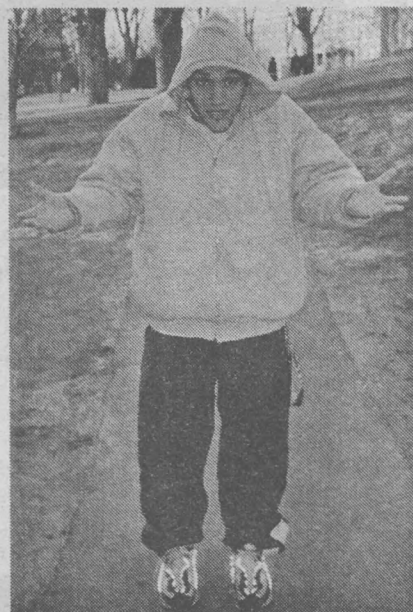
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David Bergart '01

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Last Friday, following the publication of an editorial which was unpopular among a group of students, all issues of *The Bates Student* were stolen from the shelves in Chase Hall.

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